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—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

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MIDDLEBORO'

For the year 1880.

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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At the annual March meeting it was voted that all Town Officers close their accounts on the first of March; the object of this vote was understood to be to make all accounts agree with the Treasurer's at the time of making the town report. The School Committee have concluded that a report made to confirm to this action would not be acceptable to the citizens of the town, as it would not contain any considerable account of the Winter term of the schools, which should be reported at the close of the year for which the appropriation is made. The Winter terms close after the first of March, and but little money has been drawn on account of them before that time. The Committee have therefore decided to report the expenditures on account of schools, for the full year, as heretofore.

During the year all our schools have fully maintained their former standing, and in some cases made a very commendable advance, nearly all our teachers having manifested a deep interest in their work, and have made an earnest effort to keep pace with recent improvements in methods of teaching. This has produced an increased interest among the pupils, and to some extent among the parents also.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Primary School, No. 18, during the Spring term, increased to one hundred and ten pupils, a number nearly or quite three times too large for one school. These one hundred and ten scholars were kept for five and one-half hours each day, in a room capable of seating ninety-eight, the seats consisting of some superannuated chairs, with no rest for arms, books, or slates, when writing or studying. This school was divided into two; one-half of the pupils remaining in the old room the others being sent to a room, hired for the purpose, in the Academy. It was also thought advisable to reseat the old room, and thus furnish equal conveniences for both parts of the divided school. This caused an outlay for desks, fixtures and rent, not anticipated at the beginning of the year. The room in the Academy was hired for fifty dollars a term, or one hundred and fifty dollars for the school year, and nearly one-half of the latter sum was expended by the Trustees, in making the room ready for occupancy by the school, but if the town deem it advisable to hire the room after the present year, it can probably be obtained at a less rate. In considering the question of hiring or building more school room, the fact must not be lost sight of, that the present primary rooms are quite full, and it is probable that the usual increase of scholars during the Spring term may be expected this year.

## GRADING.

A system of grading for the schools at the village has been arranged, by which the pupils are expected to reach the High School by three grades, Primary, Intermediate and Grammar, the time to be occupied in each grade being three years, or taking the children at five years of age and preparing them to enter the High School at fourteen. This will obviate the necessity of passing through seven rooms, with as many different teachers, as has heretofore been done. This arrangement comprises three



Primary schools, two Intermediate (with one assistant teacher) and one Grammar, with an assistant teacher. The Grammar and Intermediate departments, with the present arrangement of assistant teachers, have a fair amount of room, but the *employment of assistants in the schools is a constant hindrance to their progress.*

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

The school laws of Massachusetts provide that "every town containing five hundred families or householders shall \* \* \* \* maintain a school kept by a master of competent ability \* \* \* \* who shall give instruction in general history, book-keeping, surveying, geometry, natural philosophy, chemistry, botany, the civil polity of this Commonwealth, and of the United States, and the Latin language; and in every town containing four thousand inhabitants the teacher or teachers shall be competent to give instruction in the Greek and French languages, astronomy, geology, rhetoric, logic, intellectual and moral science, and political economy."

A High School as required by the foregoing Statute, has for years been in successful operation in this town, and holds a rank, as compared with larger towns, of which we have no reason to be ashamed; and yet a careful consideration of the list of studies required and taught in our High School, ought to convince *any* one that the best results have not yet been attained. The great demand made upon the time of the two teachers now employed, to give instruction in the regular course, leaves no room for special instruction and training, and it is believed that the employment of another teacher, and the arrangement of a more practical course of study, would result in an advantage to the town, greater than the outlay.

No list of graduates from the High School has yet been put upon the public record, and the following includes all who have graduated to the present time. The names marked † have con-

tinued their studies in different colleges. Those marked with an \* have since been engaged as teachers.

1876.

Minnie D. Case.\*  
 Mattie J. Lovell.\*  
 Maraquita P. Eddy.\*  
 Annie E. Leach.\*  
 Annah L. Soule.\*  
 Helena Shaw.  
 Andrew J. Bisbee.  
 J. Harvey Doane.

1877.

Walton E. Clark.

1878.

Lizzie S. Cushman.†  
 Lucy M. Jenney.  
 Martha S. Pickens.\*  
 Clara A. Hagen.\*  
 Julia P. Edwards.\*  
 Emma W. Osborne.\*  
 Charles M. Leonard.†  
 Frank A. Pease.†  
 J. Warren Pratt.\*

1879.

Myra M. Brayton.  
 Jennie S. Tinkham.  
 Nellie B. Wilbur.\*  
 Nellie P. Chace.  
 William E. Cushman.†  
 James M. Colson.†  
 Alfred M. Cushing.\*  
 Horace E. Deane.

1880.

Jennie M. Carpenter.  
 Alice H. Cornish,  
 Fannie M. Deane.  
 Nellie F. Southworth.\*  
 Joseph H. Crosby.  
 James A. Cushman.  
 Reuben A. Gibbs.  
 Charles E. Lashures.\*  
 Lyman P. Thomas.\*†

#### VOCAL MUSIC.

The Statutes provide that "Vocal Music \* \* \* \* shall be taught \* \* \* \* in all the public schools in which the School Committee shall deem it expedient." Very few children are *taught* to sing at all, either for want of an opportunity, or from the great expense attending a course of private instruction. It is hoped therefore that the town will make such appropriation for this purpose, that the School Committee will "deem it expedient" that Vocal Music be taught in all the schools of the town, and thus enable our children to learn to sing, as they learn to read, by daily lessons.



## SCHOOL BOOKS.

The Eaton's Arithmetics, in use in the schools at the commencement of the year, have been exchanged for White's series, a change that has so far proved satisfactory. An arrangement was also made with the publishers of Warren's Geographies, by which the new and improved edition of their books was exchanged for the old, but this exchange was made without expense to the town. All the common school books used in the schools are now provided by the town, as required, and are kept for sale at as near the wholesale prices as can be, without incurring actual loss. These books are sold at the stores of John Shaw, and Shaw & Childs.

## TEACHERS.

During the year several changes have been made in the corps of teachers. The principal of these were the resignations of Henry L. Arnes, of the Grammar School, and Mary L. Tinkham, of the Primary. Mr. Arnes resigned for a more lucrative position, and his place was filled by Mr. Austin Turner, a graduate from the four year's course of the Bridgewater Normal School. At the close of the Spring term Miss Mary L. Tinkham tendered her resignation, after a service of thirty years in the same school-house. The labors of this long period had made severe inroads on the health of Miss Tinkham, but she carries into her retirement the kindest regards of the Committee, the parents (many of whom have been her pupils), the youth of our village, most of whom received their first school instruction from her, the large band of pupils whom she left behind, and men and women who have been under her instruction, and who are now scattered in all parts of the world.

## SUPERINTENDANCE.

Heretofore our schools have had only such superintendence as the law required, consisting of little more than the regular

visits of the Committee once in each month, and such incidental work as special cases have demanded ; and this must necessarily be the case while this work is done wholly by the members of the School Committee. The members of the Committee have each a business of their own, separate and distinct from their duties as members of the school board, and this business naturally receives their first attention. During the past year there have been kept twenty-four schools, employing twenty-seven teachers. One member of the board has visited all these schools once, and the other members have visited nearly all of them. The member at the village has had special charge of twelve of these teachers, and to visit these twelve teachers, once in each month, for our school year of nine months, will aggregate one hundred and eight visits ; this, at one-half day for each visit, gives fifty-four days. Add to this the work now required under the laws for the employment of children in manufacturing establishments, and the truant laws, and it gives an amount of time which cannot well be spared from any business-man's personal affairs. But this superintendence is reckoned on one-half day visits for each month. Would this be called superintendence in any other business ? Would any firm employing workmen, no matter how intelligent or trusted, be likely to leave them to labor for a whole month with no more attention than this ? To remedy this state of affairs, a School Superintendant should be employed, who should give his whole attention to our schools, and instead of a visit once in each month, should make his presence felt as often as the scattered condition of our schools will admit. Very little extra expense would attend the employment of such an officer, as the School Committee would then serve without pay, and it is believed that this extra expense would be more than balanced by the improvement in our schools, which would follow. It is hoped that this subject will receive the careful attention of the voters of the town.



## SCHOOL HOUSES.

The school-houses of the town are generally in a fair condition. The house No. 4, (Nemasket) needs paint inside and out, and considerable other repairs. No. 10 (South Middleboro) is too small, not well arranged, and not worth enlarging. No school has been held in No. 15 for several years, and there is no probability of any demand for one. The desks and furniture have been removed to No. 11, and it is recommended that this house be sold. The new house in No. 18 needs new heating apparatus; the furnace now in use has been so much improved as to make it possible to heat the house in cold weather, but the cost of fuel is twice as much as would seem to be necessary. It will probably be a gain in expense to throw this furnace away. Nos. 20 and 22 need inside repairs.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Meetings of the Committee are held regularly each month and as much oftener as is necessary. All teachers are employed, discharged, and wages regulated by vote of the whole board. Each member has special charge of certain schools, but is expected to visit the schools in charge of the other members as often as possible. It is believed to be more desirable to have *one* committee of three than *three* committees of one.

The following Special Rules have been adopted by the Committee for the guidance of Teachers in the performance of their duties.

1. Teachers are required to be present at least fifteen minutes before the time for commencing school and shall give special attention to the ventilation and temperature of the school-room.

2. An excuse, written or otherwise authenticated, must be brought by each pupil, for tardiness or dismissal before the appointed hour for leaving.

3. There shall be a recess of fifteen minutes each half day, and no pupil shall be totally deprived thereof. As a punishment for misconduct, pupils may be detained in the school-room during the regular recess, but shall have a short recess apart from the others.

4. Teachers shall carefully observe any injury inflicted upon school buildings of any kind, inside or outside, and prohibit all unnecessary disfiguring of the premises in any respect, and faithfully present to the Committee any offenders. Any damage done to the school-house, grounds or premises, must be paid for by the parent or guardian of the child or children doing it. The General Statutes of Massachusetts declare that all such wilful and wanton damages shall be punished "by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding one year."

5. No pupil having been in attendance at one school shall be admitted into another without previous consent of the Committee.

6. In case of difficulty in discharge of their official duties or when they may desire any temporary indulgence, the instructors shall apply to the Committee for advice and discretion.

7. No studies shall be pursued in any of the schools, nor any text-books used or introduced except those authorized by the Committee.

8. Whenever the necessary school books are not furnished by the parents or guardians, on the written request of the teacher, it shall be the teacher's duty to notify the Committee, specifying the name of the book required, the child's name, and the parent's or guardian's name.

9. Teachers for the purpose of observing the modes of discipline and instruction of others, are expected to take one day in each term to visit other schools, and the time so taken shall be given to no other purpose.

10. No deviation from these Rules allowed except by special permission of the Committee.

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The following are names of pupils who have not been absent or tardy one or more terms during the school year.



Five have not been absent or tardy for the entire year, viz: David W. Alden, Edith Coffin, James A. Dorrigan, Henry M. Grant, Lucretia B. Shurtleff.

Sumner W. Hines has been present every day, and tardy only once.

Arthur B. Munroe has not been tardy, but absent one half day on account of sickness.

## SPRING TERM.

## FALL TERM.

## WINTER TERM.

*No. 1, Soule.*

Nannie Soule.

*No. 2, Waterville.*

Lillie Lee.

Anna Morse,

Georgie Lee.

*No. 3, Green.*

Herbert Tinkham.

Rena Pratt,

Amelia Tinkham,

Nellie Bennett,

Arthur Denham.

Chester Weston,

Herbert Wood.

Nellie Bennett,

Mary Pratt,

Lizzie Pratt,

Herbert Tinkham,

Rena Pratt,

Lizzie Pratt,

Arthur Denham,

Willie Pray.

*No. 4, Nemasket.*

Lizzie Gruber.

Lizzie Gruber,

Rhoda Waterman.

Lena Ritter,

Louis Ritter.

Eliza Tobey.

*No. 6, Thompson.*

Mary Deane.

Florence Deane.

Charlie A. Shaw.

Albert Deane.

Florence Deane.

*No. 8, Thomastown.*

Granville Tillson,

Ada F. Gove,

Bennie F. Hunt.

Jason F. Thurston,

Ada P. Gove.

*No. 10, S. Middleboro.*

Emily D. LeBaron,

Mary A. Benson

Mary A. Benson,

Mary E. Smith.

Louis C. LeBaron.

Mary E. Smith  
Nellie F. Gammons.  
Hattie B. Gould,  
Minnie K. Gould.

Jennie M. Gammons.  
Harry O. LeBaron.

*No. 11, France.*

Charlie A. Nicol,  
Alice S. Jefferson,

Nattie S. Cushing,

Susie T. Shurtleff,  
Alice F. Jefferson.  
Charlie A. Nicol.

*No. 12, Highlands.*

Rosa M. Eastman.  
Olive C. Wilbur,  
Mamie I. Wilbur,

Alfred H. Shurtleff.

*No. 13, Rock.*

Alton Atwood.  
Levi Atwood,  
Asa Carver,  
Elmer Carver,  
Mary Doherty,  
Lulu Thomas,

Bertha Simmons,  
Lulu Thomas.

Harry Rogers.

*No. 14, Fall Brook.*

Abiathar C. Cobb,  
Frank A. Cobb,  
Clarence E. Thomas,  
Lottie J. Gove,  
Hattie Thompson,

Abiathar C. Cobb.  
Frank A. Cobb,  
Clarence E. Thomas,  
Jennie C. Thomas.

*No. 18, Grammar.*

Jethro Brown,  
Thomas C. McCormick,  
Charlie L. Morse,  
Stephen F. Murphy,  
Morrill L. Perkins,  
Arthur E. Shaw,  
Carlton K. Sparrow,  
Orrin R. Smith,  
Allie H. Washburn.  
Annie M. Alden,  
Katie J. Alden,  
Lena M. Bradford,  
Bertha H. Champlin,  
Emma J. Downing.

Thomas C. McCormick, Annie M. Alden,  
Allie H. Washburn, Eddie J. Alden.  
Bertha H. Champlin, Nellie E. Bolles.  
Lura L. Haskell, W. Henry Downing.  
Carrie M. Lovell, Orrin R. Smith.  
Etta M. Warren, Vintie A. Smith,  
Eddie J. Alden, Octavia Shockley.  
Frank W. Bowers, Mabel J. Belcher.  
Stephen A. Drew.  
Joseph E. Hoxie,  
Edward G. Perkins,  
Nellie E. Bolles,  
Allie E. Bryant,  
Mamie M. Sherman.

Lura L. Haskell,	Mary P. Sheehan,
Carrie M. Lovell.	Mabel J. Belcher.
Nellie O'Donnell.	
Alice W. Osborne.	
Lillie T. Rich.	
Ida Shaw,	
Cora L. V. Thomas.	
Nellie F. Thomas,	
Etta M. Warren.	

*No. 18, Intermediate, (Miss Lovell, Teacher.)*

Herman Rich.	Lucy S. Lovell.	Carrie E. Alden,
Amelia M. Rosenfield.	Geo. W. Bryant.	Percy R. Harlow,
Lucy S. Lovell,	Henry Soule.	Bertha L. Shaw,
Carrie E. Alden.	Percy R. Harlow.	Eugene F. Bolles.
	Willie T. Tillson.	
	L. Bertie Mendall.	
	Julia E. Sheehan.	
	Carrie A. Bryant.	
	Mary A. Ryder.	
	Minnie W. Smith.	

*No. 18, Intermediate, (Miss Drake, Teacher.)*

Annie Cufley.	Julia Harrington.	Thomas J. Alden.
Julia Harrington.	Myra Cushing,	Charlie W. Cushing.
Thomas J. Alden.	Bertie A. Johnson.	

*No. 18, Primary, (Miss Ellis' Room.)*

Charlie A. O'Neil.	Lester Smith,	Eben Shaw,
	Eben Shaw.	Walter Tripp.
	Nellie Sheehan.	

*No. 18, Primary, (Miss Gurney's Room.)*

Carrie C. Champlin.  
 Eleanor Barden.  
 Mabel Munroe.  
 Lillie Thomas.  
 Jennie Donaldson.  
 Elmer Harlow.

*No. 20, North Middleboro.*

Flora M. Clark.  
 D. Albert Alden.  
 Fred White.  
 Harry W. Stubbs,  
 Preston G. Clark,  
 Harry S. Pratt.



*No. 21, (Pleasant St.)*

Herbert T. Carver.

Alice M. Alden.

*No. 22, (Redding.)*Isabel B. Osborne,  
Herbert Hackett,Dora Redding;  
Anna Reed,  
Mary L. Osborne,  
Edmund Conway,  
Joseph Carroll.  
Lyman Osborne.  
Henry Carroll.

## EXPENSE FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSE:

School No. 1,	\$263 26	School No. 14	\$279 12
“ “ 2,	293 75	“ “ 15,	31 35
“ “ 3,	307 88	“ “ 16,	273 25
“ “ 4,	294 62	“ “ 17,	274 00
“ “ 6,	288 00	“ “ 18,	2,881 14
“ “ 8,	285 50	“ “ 19,	293 15
“ “ 10,	283 00	“ “ 20,	168 00
“ “ 11,	261 25	“ “ 21,	299 93
“ “ 12,	285 00	“ “ 22,	282 93
“ “ 13,	285 63	“ “ High School,	1,550 00
Paid Lakeville for tuition,		-	19 50
“ for use of Academy 2 terms,		-	100 00
			<u>\$9,300 26</u>
Town appropriation,	\$9,000 00		
Received from State Fund,	236 34		
Less amount paid for books,	13 08	223 26	
Received for tuition,		104 00	
Total,	<u>\$9,327 26</u>		
Balance unexpended,	<u>\$27 00</u>		

## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS TO HIGH SCHOOL.

George H. Smith,	\$24 00	Fannie M. Deane,	\$6 25
Lillie H. Thornton,	31 75	Alice H. Cornish	9 75

Carrie M. Bennett,	9 50	Lyman P. Thomas,	16 75
Reuben A. Gibbs,	11 42	Caleb T. Lovell,	9 50
Meritt E. Waters,	8 05	Thomas J. Alden,	3 00
Thomas W. Higgins,	3 80	Albert Deane,	4 80
John M. Deane,	2 70	Chas. A. Shaw,	3 30
Morrill S. Ryder,	5 62	Walter C. McCrillis,	2 25
Rose M. Eastman,	9 00	Mary L. Osborne,	3 00
Mary E. Deane,	4 80	Winnie D. Sherman,	7 25
Total,			\$176 49

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#### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Nye E. King, repairs No. 18,	\$2 88
Pierce & Page, sundries,	22 54
N. Y. & B. Dispatch Co., express and carting,	10 25
F. E. Wood, glazing, No. 14,	1 65
Edward Hoxie, repairs No. 18 and High School,	12 50
J. H. Willoughby, sundries for High School,	1 19
Charles Wood, writing diplomas,	2 25
H. L. Armes, stationery, &c.,	5 10
M. W. Tewksbury, exchange arithmetics,	173 68
Warren Wood, paint and labor, No. 8,	7 90
L. F. Packard, paint and labor, No. 8,	19 14
“ paper, No. 13,	3 30
Alvin Pease, labor, No. 18,	18 70
James M. Sampson, labor, Nos. 18, 19, 21 and 22,	78 81
N. England School Furnishing Co., desks,	222 35
Boston School Supply Co., books,	128 74
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber for No. 2,	2 57
“ “ lumber for fence, No. 19,	10 22
“ “ shingles, No. 18,	114 98
“ “ shingles, Nos. 21 and 22,	10 26
“ “ lumber, No. 11,	31 46
H. A. Sparrow, painting, No. 14, and sundries,	38 19
Est. G. H. Doane, supplies,	38 66
M. W. Tewksbury, books,	13 88
A. F. Nants, labor, No. 18,	4 10
E. F. Tinkham, repairing apparatus,	2 59

N. D. Wilbar, gas lamp and fixtures, High School,	7 14
N. E. School Furnishing Co., erasers and Ink,	3 30
Wm. Downing, grading, No. 18,	15 00
J. G. Nichols, repairs No. 1,	4 80
C. W. Maxim, " " 2,	4 60
O. E. Deane, " " 6,	4 25
S. C. Coffin, " " 6,	3 85
W. H. Smith, " " 14,	1 48
L. E. Thomas, sundries, No. 14,	55
G. W. Wilcox, repairs, Nos. 10, 11, and 12,	37 00
" " stock and labor,	7 32
E. C. Tabor, labor, Nos. 10 and 12,	6 87
T. Gammons, labor, No. 11,	3 43
J. Savery, stock and labor, No. 13,	10 84
Charlie Bolles, labor, No. 13,	25
G. W. Barrows, labor, No. 11,	29 75
Brooms.	1 90
F. B. Gibbs' bill,	21 18
S. W. Wrightington, labor, No. 8,	3 10
W. C. Richards, labor. Nos. 10, 11 and 12,	11 00
Total,	<u>\$1,155 41</u>
	\$1,331 90

Amt. appropriated for Incidental Expenses, \$1,000 00

Balance unexpended last year, 140 02

Received from sale of books, 14 71

Received from sale of old iron, 8 80

Value of books on hand, 170 32

\$1,333 85

Balance unexpended,

\$1 95

W. H. SOUTHWORTH,	} School Committee.
J. F. SHURTLEFF,	
N. T. DYER,	



## STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of School	Term.	Teacher.	Whole No. attending.	Average attendance.	Wages per Month.	Length of Term in Weeks.	Cost of fuel.	Cost of Janitor and care of Houses.	No. times visited by Com.
1	1	Clara A. Hagen.	12	10	28 00	12			4
	2	"	11	9	"	12			3
	3	Martha S. Pickens.	11	7	"	12	8 26	3 00	3
2	1	Abbie A. Gurney.	32	24	32 00	12			4
	2	Emma F. Darling.	32	20	30 00	12			3
	3	"	27	20	"	12	11 25	6 50	4
3	1	Mary F. Hagen.	28	26	32 00	12			4
	2	"	33	30	"	12			3
	3	"	32	29	"	12	14 38	5 50	4
4	1	Martha S. Pickens.	43	28	32 00	11			4
	2	"	38	33	"	12			4
	3	Charles E. Lashures.	35	26	"	13	3 37	3 25	4
6	1	Celia F. Stacy.	23	20	30 00	12			5
	2	Ida E. Andrews.	19	18	"	12			3
	3	"	22	16	"	12	15 00	3 00	3
8	1	Mary E. Hammond.	28	19	30 00	12			4
	2	"	22	19	"	12			3
	3	"	25	19	"	12	12 50	3 00	4
10	1	E. Addie Ward.	38	29	30 00	12			5
	2	"	29	20	"	12			3
	3	"	31	21	"	12	8 00	5 00	3
11	1	Minnie B. Harrington.	15	11	28 00	12			5
	2	"	13	10	"	12			3
	3	Lynan P. Thomas.	11	9	"	12	5 50	3 75	3

12	1 2 3	Lettie A. Harrington. "	15 22 13	13 18 8	30 00 " "	12 12 12			5 3 3
13	1 2 3	O. Lizzie Sherman. Mattie A. Cushman.	36 30 35	29 27 27	30 00 " "	12 12 12		5 00	5 3 3
14	1 2 3	Lillie E. Thomas. " "	26 31 32	19 27 22	30 00 " "	12 11 13		5 00	4 3 3
15		Paid Nelson Cobb for transportation to No. 6, \$17.10.							
		Paid David Wetherbee for transportation to No. 6, \$14.25.							
16	1 2 3	Maria F. Eddy. "	20 19 18	13 14 12	28 00 " 30 00	12 12 12		3 00	4 3 3
17	1 2 3	Ruth F. Burgess. Emma A. Steele.	20 14 16	13 10 9	30 00 28 00 "	12 12 12		3 00	5 3 4
18	1 2 3	Henry L. Armes, Prin. Austin Turner, Prin.	97 73 72	82 67 62	84 44 50 00 "	12 12 12	new school house. 76 00	eight rooms 256 21	5 5 4
Gram	1 2 3	Emma A. Steele, Ass't. Fannie W. Richards, "			30 00 26 00 "				4 5 4
Inter	1 2 3	Annie A. Lovell. "	89 82 78	74 72 64	36 00 " "	12 12 12			4 5 4
		Emma W. Osborne, As't	three	terms	26 00				13*
Inter	1 2 3	Lucia A. Drake.	51 55 54	38 46 40	36 00 " "	12 12 12	old h'se & Ac'y. 27 50		5 5 4

Prim.	1	W. Anna Harding.	52	36	36 00	12			5
	2	Celia F. Stacy.	50	39	"	12			6
	3	Cora F. Ellis.	48	37	"	12			4
Prim.	1	Mary L. Tinkham.	106	72	36 00	12			5
	2	Fannie M. Parks.	66	46	32 00	12			5
	3	"	63	41	32 00	12			4
Prim.	2	Abbie A. Gurney.	60	50	36 00	12			5
	3	"	55	41	"	12			3
19	1	Irene E. Hatheway.	23	14	32 00	12			3
	2	Carrie S. Cogswell.	36	32	30 00	12			3
	3	Nellie F. Southworth.	33	24	"	12	14 15	3 00	4
20	1	M. Abbie Alden.	14	12	30 00	12			3
	3	Cordie E. Pratt.	17	14	25 00	12		3 00	3
21	1	Lydia S. Robinson.	17	14	30 00	12			3
	2	Irene E. Hatheway.	19	17	32 00	12			3
	3	"	18	14	"	12	12 93	5 00	3
22	1	Rufus E. Donnell.	20	15	30 00	12			3
	2	Herbert E. Wentworth.	15	13	"	12			5
	3	"	16	13	"	12	9 93	3 00	3
High	1	James H. Willoughby.	51	49	115 80	12			6
	2	"	66	64	"	12			4
	3	"	64	56	"	14			4
		Philena N. Folger, Asst.	three terms		47 36				15*

\* Three terms.



# Seventh Annual Report of the Trustees OF THE MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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Although the number of books in our Public Library, and also the number of readers, is constantly increasing, the report of the Librarian shows that a less number of books has been taken out during the past year than during the year previous. This probably indicates that the quality of the reading has been such as to require more thought and time, and, consequently, fewer changes of books, but more substantial reading. The work of the year is given in the

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The whole number of volumes now belonging to the Library is 3,185. The Accession Catalogue shows an addition of 243 volumes during the year, including 59 volumes of Harper's Magazines.

The Library has been open to the public 293 days, and 18,438 volumes have been delivered during that time, an average of 63 per day. The largest circulation for one month was 2,098; the largest daily circulation was 178 volumes.

Fines and dues have been collected to the amount of \$53 08. Received from sale of Catalogues, \$2 80. Number of cards issued to date, 2,280.

N. J. BULLARD, *Librarian*.

Feb. 1, 1881.

Besides rebinding a large number of books during the year, 28 have been found so badly worn that they have been replaced by new ones. The Library has received very material aid from a series of entertainments given for its benefit during the year. A few donations of books have been received during the year, and while thanking the donors for these, we trust others may be prompted to do likewise.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand at last Annual Report,	\$6 11	
Received from Town Treasurer (dog money)	438 86	
“ Proceeds from Library Entertainments in April and May, 1880,	242 44	
“ from Fines, &c.,	53 08	
“ for Catalogues sold,	2 80	
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		\$743 29
Paid Estes & Lauriat for books,	\$417 60	
John Shaw, for books,	22 06	
J. H. Willoughby, for books,	2 65	
J. M. Coombs, printing bill, for 4 years,	89 75	
N. J. Bullard, services as Librarian from Feb. 1, 1880, to Feb. 1, 1881,	162 00	
Q. F. Collins & Co., rebinding books,	9 40	
W. G. Hathaway, rebinding books,	29 25	
for stationery, postage, freight, express, clean ing room, &c.,	8 47	
Paper for covering books,	2 00	
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		\$743 18
Balance on hand,		\$0 11

A vacancy in the Board has occurred during the year by the death of Hon. Noah C. Perkins, a valued member.

The Trustees are mindful that the Library is a public one, and that they should be guided by the public wants ; but while following this guidance they have conscientiously endeavored to get the best in all their selections.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees.

JOSEPH E. BEALS, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Middleboro, March 1, 1881.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1880-81.

Term expires 1881.	Term expires 1882.	Term expires 1883.
WM. R. PEIRCE, Pres't.,	GEORGE BRAYTON,	WM. H. WOOD,
A. L. WESTGATE,	JAMES M. COOMBS,	E. ROBINSON,
	JOSEPH E. BEALS,	E. S. HATHAWAY.

## Report of Town House Committee.

The report herewith presented is from March 1st, 1880, to March 1st, 1881.

Cash in hands of Committee as by report of last year;	\$3 26
Received for rent of Hall and Rooms,	960 30
	<hr/> \$963 56

Paid E. T. Jenks, work on valves and pump,	\$3 62	
G. L. Soule, repairing settee,	1 00	
J. H. Shaw, carpentering,	2 50	
J. K. & B. Sears, bill of lumber,	1 47	
L. B. Miller, board for slater,	2 50	
O. C. R. R., freight on slate,	90	
Wm. Hoxie, repairing wheelbarrow,	1 00	
Levi Tinkham, labor with team,	1 50	
A. C. Wood, bill of wood,	9 00	
G. H. Doane, bill of supplies,	5 52	
J. & G. E. Doane, bill of supplies,	10 49	
J. T. Washburn, work on furnace,	2 12	
Sundry small bills,	8 58	
W. B. Wood, janitor one year,	468 00	
Town Treasurer to reimburse him for order drawn on him, favor of J. B. Lebaron, coal bill,	126 05	
N. D. Wilbur, gas bill,	245 20	
Slater's bill,	11 00	\$900 45
Cash in hands of Committee, March 1st, 1881,		<hr/> \$63 11

A. C. WOOD MILTON ALDEN, J. B. LEBARON,	}	Committee.
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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Dr. E. W. Drake, examining cow,	\$2 50
Henry Parry, dissecting cow,	\$2 00
A. C. Wood, for cash paid and time, on account of the Croacher family,	332 12
Nancy J. Soule, amount awarded by referees for use of house for Croacher case,	40 00
Referees on Crocher family,	12 00

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J. T. WOOD,	} Board of Health.
A. T. SAVERY,	
N. S. CUSHING,	

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## LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen of Middleboro' propose the following names of persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, viz:—

Ichabod F. Atwood,	Geo. E. Wood,
William F. Atwood,	Francis B. Gibbs,
Harrison W. Atwood,	Thomas J. Lebaron,
Theodore H. Alden,	James L. Jenney,
Jared F. Alden,	Benjamin F. Leonard,
John S. Benson,	John Q. Morton,
Elisha T. Benson,	Andrew J. Pickens,
Ira Bryant,	Ebenezer Smith,
Joshua K. Bishop,	James M. Pickens,
Earl H. Cushman,	Jeremiah K. Pratt,
Isaac S. Cushman,	Augustus Pratt,
Emory F. Atwood,	Nathaniel C. Perkins,
Nathaniel S. Cushing,	Isaac E. Perkins,
Thomas C. Collins,	Sylvanus W. Reed,
Joshua M. Eddy,	Horace N. Rider,
William C. Eddy,	Geo. R. Sampson,
Enoch Drake,	Elnathan Sherman,

Orrin E. Deane,  
 Edwin B. Dorrance,  
 Albert F. Finney,  
 Geo. T. M. Gammons,  
 James E. Gibbs,  
 Warren H. Southworth,  
 Josiah C. Shaw,  
 Geo. L. Soule,  
 Augustus H. Soule,  
 Luther W. Savery,  
 Eugene P. LeBaron,  
 Harry C. Sparrow,  
 Solomon H. Sylvester,  
 Bradford D. W. Bartlett,  
 Charles C. Tinkham,  
 Ira M. Thomas,  
 William B. Wood,  
 Asaph F. Washburn,  
 Edward F. Tinkham,  
 Jeremiah Doane,

Zebedee Leonard,  
 John C. Vaughan,  
 Ebenezer A. Shaw,  
 Austin G. Atwood,  
 Albert T. Savery,  
 Elbridge G. Shaw,  
 Josiah H. Vaughan,  
 Warren Wood,  
 William E. White,  
 James H. Weston,  
 Will B. True,  
 James W. Briggs,  
 Leander A. Tinkham,  
 Franklin S. Thompson,  
 Philander W. Thompson,  
 Albert J. Wood,  
 Ellis Weston,  
 Nathan B. Maxim,  
 Geo. W. Washburn,

# THE REPORT OF THE Selectmen and Assessors

*for the year ending March 1st, 1880.*

It will be noticed this Report covers a period of nearly thirteen months.

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Voted by the Town for repair of highways,	\$4,500 00	
New roads, bridges, special repairs,	1,500 00	
Support of schools,	9,000 00	
Incidental school expenses,	1,000 00	
Support of the poor,	4,000 00	
Support of the Insane,	800 00	
Town officers and incidental expenses,	2,000 00	
Payment on Town House,	5,000 00	
“          new school-house,	1,000 00	
Sidewalks,	700 00	
Clearing highway of snow,	300 00	
Extra appropriation after tax was voted		
last year,	2,000, 00	
Interest on debt,	1,800 00	
Night watch,	90 00	
Post 8, G. A. R., for decoration, of		
soldiers' and sailors' graves on Dec-		
oration Day,	100 00	
		\$33,790 00
Less corporation and bank tax,		4,000 00
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		\$29,790 00
State tax,	\$2,160 00	
County tax,	2,850, 86	
Overlaying,	914 29	
		\$5,925 15
Total assessed,		<hr/>
		\$35,715 15

## HIGHWAYS.

There has been expended for the repairs of the Highways by the several Surveyors as follows :

## NORTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Before June 1st.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	Levi F. Tinkham,	\$708 63	\$539 25	\$1,247 88
" 2,	L. E. Thomas,	315 96	175 06	491 02
" 3,	John G. Vaughan,	269 16	43 85	313 01
" 4,	Edwin Holmes,	95 30	113 52	208 82
" 5,	Jared F. Alden,	79 56	37 50	117 06
" 6,	I. E. Macomber,	9 75	42 50	52 25
" 7,	Arad R. Dunham,	13 50	65 13	78 63
" 8,	Joseph W. Robbins,	100 18	35 15	135 33
		<u>\$1,592 04</u>	<u>\$1,051 96</u>	<u>\$2,644 00</u>

## EAST SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Before June 1st.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	E. A. Shaw,	\$45 50	\$13 10	\$58 60
" 2,	J. W. Briggs,	80 08	36 89	116 97
" 3,	J. M. Eddy,	65 39	59 24	124 63
" 4,	H. A. Simmons,	43 50	40 75	84 25
" 5,	Darius Smith,	43 54	14 60	58 14
" 6,	R. F. Thompson,	62 00	16 55	78 55
" 7,	I. H. Thompson,	96 76	18 39	115 15
" 8,	A. Covington,	33 00	27 77	60 77
" 9,	E. Morse,	54 67	36 29	90 96
" 10,	James Snow,	120 55	35 28	155 83
" 11,	S. Cushman,	77 04		77 04
		<u>\$722 03</u>	<u>\$298 86</u>	<u>1,020 89</u>

## SOUTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Before June 1st.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	W. T. Jefferson,	\$21 00	\$36 67	\$57 67
" 2,	Henry Hobill,	16 75	125 27	142 02
" 3,	Stillman Benson,	66 50	113 50	180 00
" 4,	G. R. Eastman,	113 98	31 60	145 58
" 5,	E. N. Barrows,	92 45	27 55	120 00



"	5, J. B. Carver,	111 92	27 30	139 22
"	7, B. P. W. Lovell,		160 56	160 56
"	8, Nelson Thomas,	100 00	35 56	135 56
"	9, G. S. Clark,	88 75		88 75
"	10, H. F. Wood,	33 75	42 25	76 00
"	11, Soranus Wrightington,	70 90	16 47	87 37
"	12, Arad Thomas,	124 71	31 18	155 89
		<u>\$840 71</u>	<u>\$647 91</u>	<u>\$1,498 62</u>

## SUMMARY.

North Section,	\$1,592 04	\$1,051 96	\$2,644 00
East "	722 03	298 86	1,020 89
South "	840 71	647 91	1,488 62
Total,	<u>\$3,154 78</u>	<u>\$1,998 73</u>	<u>\$5,153 51</u>

## NEW ROADS, BRIDGES, AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

## NORTH SECTION.

Paid L. E. Thomas, Everett and Centre Sts.,	\$331 25	
Lyssander Richmond, on Alden's Bridge,	1 00	
Levi F. Tinkham, on Main St.,	250 00	
" " on Water St.,	200 00	
" " Removing Rock on		
Grove & Acorn St.,	19 56	
" " Planking, railing work		
on Star Mill and		
Nemasket bridges,	59 85	
" " Paving on Centre St.,	131 75	
" " Paving on Main St.,	113 25	
J. G. Vaughan, work on sewer inlet,	75 68	
" " for Sewer work,	71 60	\$1,253 94

## EAST SECTION.

Paid J. M. Eddy, work on bridge, Brook St.,	\$10 25
Orlando Carver, for building a part of	
Wall St.,	360 00
Ezra Morse, work on Summer St.,	59 68

II. A. Simmons, work on Short and Raven Sts.,	56	20	
J. W. Briggs, work on Plymouth St.,	41	75	
John G. Vaughan, work on Mutton bridge,	75	86	
“ “ work on Woodward’s “	82	02	
Arad Covington, work on Covington’s “	5	32	
Warren Wood, work on Summer St.,	1	08	
Town of Bridgewater, work on Covington’s bridge,	53	31	\$745 47

## SOUTH SECTION.

Paid Samuel W. Clark, work on Cherry St.,	33	50	
Henry Hobill, work on Rocky Gutter and Pine St.,	25	20	
O. W. Carver, work on Wareham St.,	12	63	
L. B. Paty, moving gravel on Highland St.,	25	00	
Nelson Thomas, work on Wareham, Grove and Tispaquin St.,	100	00	
H. F. Maxim, building a part of Highland St.,	132	43	
George S. Clark, work on Cherry St.,	132	85	
H. F. Wood, work on Tispaquin and Wood Sts.,	76	55	
N. C. Perkins, moving gravel on Highland St.,	15	00	
I. S. Cushman, work on Miller St.,	11	99	\$565 15
Total,			\$2,564 56

## SIDEWALKS.

Paid Jared F. Alden, on Center St.,	\$9	75	
L. E. Thomas, on Centre, Pearl, Oak, Vine, Station and Courtland Sts.,	228	55	
Edwin Holmes, on Plymouth St.,	40	00	
Levi F. Tinkham, on Centre, Main, Water, North, School, Peirce, and other Sts.,	387	23	
John G. Vaughan, on Oak and North Sts.,	99	89	\$765 33

## GRAVEL ACCOUNT

Paid George Thomas, land for gravel,	\$58 00	
John B. Carver, land for gravel,	16 05	
Winslow Pratt, land for gravel,	11 60	
J. M. Eddy, land for gravel,	6 35	
R. F. Thompson, land for gravel,	6 97	
Isaac Thompson, land for gravel,	3 20	
Mrs. Adnah Jackson, land for gravel,	16 00	118 17

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid Edwin Holmes,	\$15 78	
L. E. Thomas,	10 20	
J. F. Alden, and Plough,	9 16	
L. F. Tinkham,	35 75	
S. W. Clark,	6 80	
I. E. Macomber,	2 20	
Walter H. Smith,	3 70	
Benoni Shaw,	2 00	
E. N. Barrows,	5 20	
Josiah H. Thomas,	2 30	
H. W. Atwood,	1 80	
H. A. Simmons,	2 00	
A. H. Soule,	80	
R. F. Thompson,	3 80	
Austin G. Atwood,	2 23	
John G. Vaughan,	10 20	
I. S. Cushman,	2 25	\$116 17

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. B. Wood, Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector.	\$450 00
Joseph T. Wood, Selectman and Asessor,	253 75
A. T. Savery, " "	215 00
N. S. Cushing, " "	175 00
A. T. Clark, " "	38 60

E. G. Shaw, Assessor,	100 00	
Milton Alden, "	132 75	
W. H. Southworth, School Committee,	85 75	
J. F. Shurtleff, " "	106 00	
Nathan T. Dyer, " "	91 00	
C. B. Wood, Overseer of Poor,	27 00	
A. C. Wood, " "	80 00	
James Cole Constable,	88 10	
Leander M. Alden, Constable,	24 20	
Wm. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up,	10 50	
Leander M. Alden, Truant Officer in '79 and '80,	67 25	
Leander M. Alden, special police,	41 00	
Leander M. Alden, to pay special police officers, as follows :		
George W. Rich,	3 50	
James P. Sparrow,	3 50	
George S. Clark,	1 00	
Milton Alden,	1 00	
Charles C. Tinkham,	1 00	
Sylvanus Mendall,	19 50	
A. W. Bryant,	1 00	
B. W. Bump,	8 50	
Samuel Lovell,	17 50	
W. B. Wood,	4 00	\$60 50
George W. Rich, as night watch,	45 00	
Wm. S. Andrews, as night watch,	45 00	
Total,		\$2,141 40

#### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid L. M. Alden, Committee on fish at ponds,	\$3 50
" " Committee to see about the Goodwin family,	3 50
S. W. Snow, printing,	4 25
John Shaw, blank books, stationery, &c.,	14 67
Est. Geo. H. Doane, drain pipe, hardware,	111 47
George Soule, mattress for lock-up,	3 50



I. F. Atwood, Committee to settle with Treasurer, painting Town House, and selling road,	12 50	
James A. Thomas, damage for defect in highway,	5 00	
S. A. Eaton, damage for defect in highway,	1 00	
J. M. Eddy, service as auctioneer selling road,	3 00	
H. G. O. White, repairing pump, Titicut,	5 50	
F. M. Vaughan, drafting and printing fish- ing permits and notices,	6 45	
Wm. B. Wood, Committee on stone crusher,	2 00	
H. L. Thatcher, printing Town Report,	56 32	
A. H. Eaton, Committee on enlarging school-house,	10 00	
S. B. Gibbs, Committee on roads,	3 00	
L. B. Miller, boarding C. H. Paine and help while surveying streets for sidewalks,	22 00	
Jas. M. Coombs, for printing in '79 & '80,	187 50	
Morss & Whyte, gravel screen,	9 50	
J. B. LeBaron, iron for sidewalk,	2 84	
Sylvanus Mendall, Committee to build school-house in 1879,	16 00	
H. L. Thatcher, for printing road and fish notices,	2 75	
J. & G. E. Doane, for hardware,	19 69	
Town of Lakeville, for their proportion of fish,	43 21	
Total,		\$549 15

## FISH ACCOUNT.

Cash received of Geo. Brayton, for the right to take fish.	\$350 00	
Received cash for inspection at East Taunton,	130 00	\$480 00
Paid James A. Burgess, as Fish Warden, for inspection at East Taunton,	130 00	

L. M. Alden, Fish Warden,	54	50	
J. T. Wood, " "	4	00	
Tucker & Dunham, for repairing fish-way at Nemasket,	21	70	
Rent of land of fish house,	3	00	
Wm. B. Wood, Fish Warden and Com- mittee,	3	60	\$216 20
To divide with Lakeville,			\$263 80
			<u>\$480 00</u>
Middleborough proportion.	\$222	86	
Lakeville proportion,	40	94	\$263 80
Whole number of fish taken, 70,160.			

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### RECAPITULATION.

Expended for Highways. for repairs,	\$5,153	51	
New Roads, Bridges, and special repairs,	2,564	56	
Expended on Town Officers and Incidental expenses,	2,240	55	
Expended on Sidewalks,	765	33	
" Snow bills,	116	17	
" Gravel account,	118	17	
" Board of Health,	388	62	
" Assessors Orders,	107	46	
			<u>\$11,454 37</u>

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### ESTIMATE FOR A TAX FOR 1881.

Repairs of Highways,	\$5,000	00
New roads, bridges, and special repairs,	\$1,500	00
Support of Schools,	9,000	00
Incidental School expenses,	800	00
Support of Poor.	4,000	00
Support of Insane.	1,000	00
Town Officers and incidental expenses,	2,000	00
Payment on Town House,	5,000	00

Sidewalks,	700 00	
Clearing Highways of Snow,	300 00	
Interest on debt,	1,500 00	
State Aid,	500 00	
		\$31,300 00
Less Corporation and Bank Tax,		4,500 00
Total Tax,		<u>\$26,800 00</u>

## ASSESSORS ORDERS.

Paid J. C. Barden, for assisting Assessors,	\$2 00	
H. N. Thomas, " "	2 00	
J. C. Barden, error in tax,	7 12	
F. A. Jenkins, error in tax,	1 25	
P. Washburn, remittance for 1878-79,	62 95	
Allerton Thompson, error in tax in 1878,	64	
Widow Freeman Shaw, remittance,	6 25	
Ephraim Simmons, remittance,	6 25	
A. L. Westgate, error in tax,	1 21	
John F. Alden, " "	15 00	
Caleb F. Davis, " "	2 79	
Total,		<u>\$107 46</u>

## LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

## LIABILITIES.

Due on Notes, principal and interest, March	
1st, 1881,	\$21,032 21
Notes at 7 per cent. (Town House)	<del>12,500</del> 00
Notes at 6 per cent.,	<del>3,000</del> 00
Notes at 5 per cent.,	7,175 21
Teachers etc., for present term, estimated,	2,600 00
Town officers and Committees, estimated,	400 00
Unpaid orders and outstanding bills "	300 00
Probable loss on bills now in Collector's hands,	500 00
	<u>\$24,832 21</u>

## RESOURCES.

Cash on hand March 1st, 1881,	\$7,470 51	
Due on taxes in Collector's hands for 1880,		
and for previous years,	4,658 60	
Due from State for State Aid,	1,823 75	
Due from State for Military Aid, one-half of		
amount paid,	484 00	
		\$14,436 86
Balance of indebtedness,		\$10,395 35

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	}	Selectmen of Middleboro'.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING,		

March 1st, 1881.

## ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT.

## NORTH SECTION.

No. Polls.	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Valuation
925	\$336,630	\$1,445,640	\$1,782,270

## EAST SECTION.

241	\$43,355	\$317,570	\$360,925
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## SOUTH SECTION.

363	\$65,005	\$405,175	\$470,180
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## TOTAL.

No. Polls.	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total Valuation
1529	\$444,990	\$2,168,385	\$2,613,375

Per cent. assessed, \$12 50 on a \$1,000.



	No. of Horses.	Cows.	Sheep.	Houses.	Acres
In North Section,	347	275	3	584	8,765
In East Section,	160	232	29	206	10,311
In South Section,	205	382	77	275	18,415
	712	889	109	1,065	37,491

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	}	Assessors of Middleboro'.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING,		
ELBRIDGE G. SHAW,		
MILTON ALDEN.		

### REPORT OF EDIBLE FISH

Taken under permit from July 1st, 1880, to Oct. 1st, 1880, from  
Long Pond, as reported :

#### Middleborough :

Black Bass,	53
Pickarel,	79
White Perch,	75
Red Perch,	171
Miscellaneous varieties,	78

#### Freetown :

Black Bass,	19
Pickarel,	42
White Perch,	69
Red Perch,	361
Miscellaneous varieties,	157

Total,	1,104
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# Report of the Treasurer and Collector,

For Thirteen Months, Ending March 1st, 1881.

## Dr.

Cash on hand as per report of 1880,	\$6,508 73	
Unpaid Taxes,	4,175 93	\$10,684 66

Received as follows:

From County Treasurer, dog money,	\$840 63	
School Committee, for tuition,	169 50	
Town House Committee,	740 62	
Middleboro' Savings Bank,	15,920 00	
W. O. Cornish,	168 54	
J. T. Cornish,	144 87	
M. L. Cornish,	561 80	
L. H. Howes,	350 00	
Thomas Wood,	600 00	
B. P. Wood,	300 00	
N. E. Trust Co., interest,	65 31	
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, State Aid,	\$1,771 60	
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, Cor- poration Tax,	3,820 37	
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, Bank Tax,	1,022 12	
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, In- digent Soldiers and Sailors,	295 00	

The following cities and towns on account of fish :

Freetown, \$10, Somerset, \$20,		
Dighton, \$20, Raynham, \$20,		
Taunton, \$30, Fall River, \$10,	110	00
State Treasurer, School Fund,	236	34
School Committee, for books and stove,	15	71
Mr. Brayton, for fish,	350	00
License, \$10, Circus, \$15, Maps, .50,	25	50 \$27,507 91
Taxes committed in 1880,	35,725	15
Interest and Summons,	271	51 \$35,996 66
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		\$74,189 23

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Paid Selectmen and Auditors, orders,	\$11,064	49	
School Committees, orders,	10,761	27	
Overseers of the Poor, orders,	5,265	10	
Town House Committee, orders,	382	25	
Assessors' orders,	503	60	
Board of Health,	380	12	
State Aid, chapter 301,	1,823	75	
County Treasurer, County Tax,	2,850	86	
State Treasurer, State Tax,	2,160	00	-
State Aid, chapter 252,	968	00	
Joseph E. Beals, Public Library,	438	86	
Notes and interest,	24,633	89	
Geo. L. Soule, return of deaths, 1879,	19	25	
Geo. L. Soule, return of deaths, 1880,	21	75	\$61,273 19
Town Clerk, for receiving or obtaining, recording and indexing marriages, births and deaths, in 1879,	58	85	
Nathan King, services as Moderator,	10	00	
Post 8, G. A. R.,	100	00	
Support J. E. Donaldson, at State Alms House,	41	71	
Treasurer and Collector, for one year's services,	450	00	
Support of E. Wallen, at State Work House,	69	00	

State Treasurer, on account of Corpor-		
ation Tax,	32	78
Sundries,	24	59
Unpaid Taxes,	4,658	60
Cash on hand,	7,470	51 \$12,916 04
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		\$74,189 23

C. B. WOOD, *Treasurer and Collector.*

The undersigned, a committee chosen by the Town to settle with their Treasurer, hereby certify that they have attended to that duty, and find the accounts correct and properly vouched for, for thirteen months ending March 1st, 1881.

ICHABOD F. ATWOOD.  
AMOS H. EATON.



# Report of the Overseers of the Poor,

For the Thirteen Months Ending March 1, 1881.

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Amount of money drawn from the town Treasury,		\$5,265 10
Received from the town of Duxbury on account of H. W. Thayer,	\$302 27	
Received from the town of Carver on account of Charles Lucas,	6 37	
Received from City of Taunton on account of H. S. Curtis,	179 15	
Received from town of Barnstable on account of Mrs. N. Hamblin,	82 57	
Received from town of Wareham on account of P. E. Gibbs,	22 96	
Received from State for State Paupers,	10 91	
Received on account of Pensions,	96 00	
Received from farm produce, &c., sold	169 51	
Received on account of Thos. Gisby, money and effects,	217 60	\$1,087 34
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		\$6,352 44

Paid out as follows, viz.:

For support of Paupers in the Almshouse,	\$1,498 03
Out of the Almshouse to the following persons and families:	
Caroline W. Packard,	\$85 50
Louisa F. Smith,	79 50

Lucy B. Tinkham,	112 00
Wybra Weeks,	49 00
Mrs. Andrew B. Perry,	127 50
Mrs. James E. Richmond, *	83 50
Clarinda Morse,	24 50
Henry H. Lovell,	113 77
Mary Lawrence,	116 25
Lydia Jones,	45 00
Hattie Lewis,	9 00
Mrs. Wilson Swift,	54 00
Sally C. Benson,	52 00
Gilbert A. Lyon,	27 85
Ephraim S. Bell,	66 95
Charles Jones,	44 75
Israel Wood,	32 81
Ann S. Standish,	66 25
Milton E. Reed,	36 00
Rachel W. Thomas,	66 00
Pelham E. Gibbs,	13 00
Ellen Cole,	72 00
Clara E. Mudgett,	36 00
Henry S. Curtis,	106 90
Lydia Marchant,	106 75
Lucy Young,	58 15
David P. Shurtliff,	47 12
Sylvanus Tinkham,	11 83
Annetta Reed,	1 92
Sarah Ann Reed,	10 98
Emily F. Perkins,	156 00
Mrs. Bradley Gay,	2 00
James Robbins,	46 00
Mrs. Noah Maxim,	116 50
Emerson P. Morse,	55 50
Horace W. Thayer,	229 27
Stillman B. Morse,	131 53
John Hayward,	9 41
Ellen Weeks,	62 06
Darius W. Chace,	4 00
James H. Marvel,	47 50

Williams L. Tobey,	8 00	
Joseph McWha,	5 00	
Williams Dexter,	25 00	
Betsy C. Cobb,	55 00	
Ephraim D. Butler,	117 69	
Cyrus E. Tabor,	6 00	
Charles W. Field,	13 74	
Sylvanus Ross,	7 50	
Eunice D. Burt,	8 00	
Lewis B. Field,	18 00	
Mrs. Charles H. Gardner,	24 25	
Olive Bagnall,	52 00	
John Braley,	3 00	
Hiram Bryant,	5 00	
Joseph Harvey,	6 65	
Mrs. Levi Chace,	56 00	
Phineas Haskins,	61 25	
Abner Lucas,	2 50	
John H. Croacher,	5 00	
Winslow Raymond,	52 84	
		\$4,647 00

## In Taunton Lunatic Hospital :

Thomas J. Shaw,	191 95
Nancy F. Hamblin,	82 57
Patrick Murphy,	173 72
Henry C. Keith,	190 10
Andrew M. Eaton,	187 66

## In Northampton Hospital for the Insane :

Joanna O'Keeffe,	273 17	\$1,099 17
Geo. L. Soule, bill for burial of paupers,	82 50	
Sylvanus Mendall, expenses to Fairhaven and Brockton,	2 60	
A. C. Wood, Expenses to Fairhaven, Boston, and Lawrence,	9 50	
Sabrina Loring, R. R. Ticket,	1 25	
Dr. Hodgson, for professional services, for		

the year ending March 1st, 1881,	50 00	
E. S. Lovell and wife, for thirteen months,		
services to March 1st, 1881,	460 42	\$606 27
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		\$6,352 44
Whole number in the Almshouse during thirteen months,		167
Of which number were transient,		139
Remaining the whole time,		14
Present number in the Almshouse,		19
Whole number of weeks for one person,		1,095
Of which were transient,		20
Average number for the thirteen months, about		19½
Average expense per week, excluding interest on farm and salaries,		\$1 48
Average expense per week, including interest on farm and salaries,		\$2 10
Amount of Real Estate, Feb. 1, 1880,	\$3,715 00	
“ Personal Estate, Feb. 1, 1880,	1,560 10	\$5,275 10
“ “ “ Mar. 1, 1881,	\$1,524 30	
“ Real Estate, March 1, 1881,	3,715 00	\$5,239 30

C. B. WOOD,	}	Overseers of the Poor.
A. C. WOOD,		
MILTON ALDEN,		



## MARRIAGES

Registered in Middleboro, in 1880.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 1	Linus F. Bumpus,	Rochester,	Rosa S. Bishop,	Rochester.
" 1	Charles B. Huley,	Plympton,	Bessie S. Nesmith,	Plympton.
" 2	Charles W. Tinkham,	Middleborough,	Sarah J. Standish,	Plymouth.
" 4	Charles S. Collingwood,	Plymouth,	Angie S. Tripp,	Middleborough.
" 10	Hiram F. Rogers,	Middleborough,	Alice M. Davis,	"
" 15	Theodore T. Sherman,	New Bedford,	Sally A. Tinkham,	"
" 18	John E. Benson,	Rochester,	Augusta A. White,	"
" 24	Edgar D. Swett,	Minot, Me.	Etta A. Haskell,	Poland, Me.
" 31	Jacob T. Chace,	Middleborough,	Addie L. Caswell,	Bridgewater.
Feb. 29	Clement T. Britton,	Halifax,	Lillian J. Cole,	Middleborough.
Mar. 14	Arthur Y. Simmons,	Pembroke,	Nellie White,	Plympton.
" 24	Amasa E. Eldridge,	Middleborough,	Mary A. Egger,	Middleborough.
Apr. 15	George L. Churchill,	Taunton,	Hannah F. Morse,	Taunton.
" 18	Gustavus L. Cobb,	Middleborough,	Mary A. Dixon,	Plymouth.
" 24	Jas. P. A. Haynes,	"	Emma J. Morse,	Middleborough.
May 12	James E. Gibbs,	"	Eva J. Mitchell,	"
" 13	George A. Wood,	"	Emma J. Dixon,	"
" 23	George H. Vaughan,	Acushnet,	Almira C. Wilbur,	"
June 30	William L. Watkins,	New Bedford,	Annaharett Raymond,	"
July 8	Henry F. Tillson,	Boston,	Sallie R. Kingman,	"
" 12	John E. Jones,	Middleborough,	Eva M. Murdock,	"
" 22	George E. Bonney,	"	Susan F. Raymond,	"
" 22	Winfield L. Pratt,	Carver,	Betsey S. Atwood,	Carver.
" 4	Henry A. Hazelton, jr.,	Middleborough,	Ella Carver,	"
" 15	William F. Keyes,	"	Emma F. Morse,	Taunton.
Aug. 1	Isaac B. Tinkham,	"	Eunice H. Baxter,	Middleborough.
" 27	George E. Aldrich,	"	Emma E. Bisbee,	"
Sep. 5	George S. Clark,	"	Mary E. Henderson,	Linneus.
" 5	Martin T. Soule,	"	Sophia E. Nye,	Sandwich.
" 11	Carlton W. Maxim,	"	Bessie M. Morse,	Middleborough.
" 12	Theodore A. Taber,	Brockton.	Jennie F. Snow,	"
" 26	Roland Smith,	Fairhaven,	Martha T. Tinkham,	"
" 28	Israel T. Hathaway,	Middleborough,	Flora L. Lovell,	"
Oct. 18	Frank F. Tillson,	"	Deborah Gammons,	"
" 23	Simcon L. Pratt,	"	Bertha S. B. Savery,	"
" 21	Thomas E. Wilnot.	"	Henrietta Shaw,	"
Nov. 6	Robert W. Burgess,	Sandwich,	Amanda F. Penniman,	"
" 11	Richard W. Clark,	Middleborough,	Fanny H. Clark,	Rochester.
" 13	Elmer E. Cole,	Taunton,	Lizzie M. McAusland,	Taunton.
" 13	Enos Drake,	Middleborough,	Clara F. Hackett,	Middleborough.
" 17	Richard T. Supple,	Brockton,	Lizzie M. Shaw,	"
" 24	Charles P. Swift,	Lakeville,	Lucy J. Simmons,	"
" 29	George E. Crandall,	Middleborough,	Lydia A. Benson,	"
Dec. 5	George E. Roberts,	Plympton,	Hellen J. Briggs,	Plympton.
" 11	E. M. Woodward,	Taunton,	Catharine Woodward,	Taunton.
" 14	George E. Wood,	Middleborough,	Annah M. Sparrow,	Middleborough.
" 16	Samuel N. Shiverick,	"	Fannie B. Lawrence,	Falmouth.
" 19	James F. Thompson,	Rockland,	Maria E. Benson,	Middleborough.
" 24	Lucas Silber,	Middleborough,	Amelia Rudolph,	"
" 27	Horace W. Eldridge,	"	Georgie A. Fogg,	Methuen.
" 29	George A. Cox,	"	Clara A. Hagan,	Middleborough.
" 30	Henry R. Briggs,	Taunton,	Viana C. Manchester,	Taunton.

C. B. WOOD, Town Clerk.

## DEATHS

Registered in Middleboro in 1880.

DATE.	NAME.	Y	M	D	DISEASE.
Jan. 7	John Kelly,	48			Accident.
" 8	Hayward,			2	Umbilical Hemorrhage.
" 17	Silas W. Deane,	21	6	11	Typhoid Fever.
" 20	Georgia Rich,	28	2	3	Consumption.
" 28	Theodora D. Vaughan,	67	4	26	Paralysis.
Feb. 2	Ella F. Thomas,	33	9	10	Consumption.
" 4	Mary G. Shockley,	16	6	2	Typhoid Fever.
" 8	Harvey S. Curtis,	68	5	11	Mortification.
" 21	Honora Norris,	40			Cancer.
" 24	Mary A. Shurtliff,	56			
Mar. 8	Susie W. Baldwin,	22	6	8	Consumption.
" 8	Azel Washburn,	71	8	3	Erysipelas.
" 16	Lewin Barrows,	77	4	5	Pleurisy.
" 19	Elbridge C. Downing,	2	6	10	Congestion of the Lungs.
" 20	Catherine Durkin,	45	5		Consumption.
" 25	Richard E. Smith,	4	10	1*	Heart Disease.
" 3	Lucy S. Fuller,	73	7	3	Pneumonia.
" 7	Laura H. Cushman,	30		11	Hepatitis.
" 9	Priscilla Hayward,	28	7	2	Dropsy.
" 23	Harrison Freeman,	70	1	25	
" 29	Harriet W. Cushing,	56	4		Bright's Disease.
" 29	Ebenezer N. Gammons,	33	1	7	Consumption.
Apr. 4	Eliza J. DeMoranville,		6		Inflammation of the Bowels.
" 8	Mary Davis,	77	9	4	
" 11	Polly Shaw,	81	3	4	Pneumonia.
" 20	Edgar W. Wood,	22	8	26	Scarlet Fever.
" 22	Nancy Shaw,	90	5	14	Old Age.
" 23	George H. Haskins,	70			Typhoid Fever.
May 3	Jabez Smith,	68		4	Pneumonia.
" 16	Abraham Thomas,	82	7		Heart Disease.
" 19	Thomas F. Barden,	63	4	1	Typhoid Fever.
" 8	Sarah Haskins,	67	3		Paralysis.
" 9	Mercy Drew,	70	10		Lung Fever.
" 9	Burton V. Alden,	9	1	12	Measles.
" 16	Florence M. Haskins,	1	5	24	Scrofula.
" 19	Abigail T. Wood,	75	9	5	Pneumonia.
" 20	Canella Davis,	1	5	24	Congestion of Lungs.
" 24	George Hartwell,	80	10	9	Sciatic Rheumatism.
" 31	Thomas Gisby,	55	7		Heart Disease.
" 21	Hattie S. Berry,	10	9		Consumption of Bowels.
June 7	Jonatban C. Pratt,	90	5	7	Bronchitis.
" 14	John Tinkham,	70		23	Softening Brain.
" 15	Lydia K. Jackson,	39	10		Consumption.
" 21	Charles Crooker	4			Diphtheria.
" 30	Reginia S. Goodwin,	36	7	15	Child-birth.
July 1	Horatio Leonard,	63	11	20	Congestive Apoplexy.
" 11	Harrison W. Vaughan	66	10		Heart Disease.
" 12	Silas W. Deane,			1	Infantile.
" 14	James S. Bump,	73	3	9	Apoplexy.
" 25	Sarah C. Tinkham,	34	2		Cancer.
" 25	Ellen M. Creaton,	1	2	26	Convulsions.
" 23	Lucy B. Leonard,	56	9	3	Consumption.
Aug. 1	Hermon Rodolph,	6	6		Meningitis.
" 2	George H. Doane,	55			Typhoid Pneumonia.
" 2	Noah C. Perkins,	70	2	4	Dysentery.
" 5	Walter I. Fuller,	1	5		Acute Hydrocephalus.
" 7	William Glaze,	72			Dilation of Heart Dropsy.
" 8	Leland W. Shaw,	3	6		Spasms.
" 10	Job C. Peirce,	64	9	23	Typhoid Pneumonia.
" 10	Chester L. Thomas,		7		Cholera Infantum.
" 25	Ida Flister,	2	6		Meningitis.
" 22	Ruth T. Gisby,	85	9	3	Cancer.
" 21	Lucy E. Carver,		4	9	Dysentery.
" 23	Clyde D. Healy.		9	13	Hydrocephalus.

## DEATHS

Registered in Middleboro in 1880.

DATE.	NAME.	Y	M	D	DISEASE.
Aug. 28	Cordelia F. Burgess,	35	1	29	Consumption.
" 29	Ivory H. Sears,	70	5	24	Cystitis.
Sept. 2	Henrietta L. Shiverick.	27	6		Consumption.
" 2	Adnah Jackson,	81	3		Old Age.
Oct. 4	Almadus G. B. Smith,	27	3	2	Consumption.
" 16	Deborah E. Wood,	47	4	21	Consumption.
" 16	Josiah C. Cushing,	58	2	20	Laryngeal Phthisis.
" 19	Francis Short,		1	8	Nephritis.
" 21	David Clark,	67	3	30	Heart Disease.
" 26	Alanson M. Cobb,	50		13	Consumption.
Nov. 9	Lucy W. Adams,	78	2	15	Apoplexy.
" 14	Eliza Dunham,	87	2	6	
" 28	Phebe Smith,	75	10	29	Cystitis.
" 30	Thomas D. Reed,	80	7	24	Pneumonia,
Dec. 4	Mary C. Boehme,	23	10	13	Congestive Chills.
" 8	Ruth P. Burt,	86	7	5	
" 8	Abigail C. Lovell,	76	3		Dropsy.
" 11	Rebecca M. Paine,	73	6	23	Pneumonia,
" 12	Joanna Atwood,	66	1	4	Hyperbrophy of Liver.
" 17	Benjamin D. Hall,	21	1	14	Accident.
" 14	Thomas P. Wetherby,	50	8	14	Intestinal Obstruction.
" 26	Chloe Sampson,	81		11	Typhoid Fever.
" 30	Florence Bisbee,		10	3	Paralysis of Brain.
" 30	Stillman B. Morse,	64	3	9	Congestion of Brain.

C. B. WOOD, Town Clerk.

## ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, APRIL 4TH, 1881.

PLYMOUTH, SS.

To James Cole, or either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the 4th day of April next, at ten o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz

ART. 1st. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, the following Officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz : Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Constables and Fish Wardens.

ART. 3d. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the present year.

ART. 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town the present year, and determine when the same shall be assessed, and how appropriated.

ART. 5th. To choose a Board of Auditors to examine claims against the Town, and order the payment of the same.

ART. 6th. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer, and report the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 7th. To vote the pay to the Treasurer and Collector, for his services the ensuing year, and Sealer of Weights and Measures for the past year.

ART. 8th. To dispose of the town's right to take Alewives the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 9th. To see if the Town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen Field Drivers shall be Town Pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they also be chosen Pound Keepers.

ART. 10th. To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their Almshouse, and act anything thereon.

ART. 11th. To allow Accounts against the Town, and act anything thereon.

ART. 12th. To take action in relation to clearing the highways of snow, the present year.

ART. 13th. To choose a Committee to have the care of the Town House and Lot.

ART. 14th. To hear and act on the Reports of any Town Officers or Committees on the Town.

ART. 15th. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the Taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 16th. To see if the Town will vote to pay a part of the expense of a Night Watch at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

ART. 17. To take such action as the Town shall see cause in reference to regulating the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners, to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester and Freetown, and to the enforcing the provisions of said lease.

ART. 18th. To see if the Town will petition the County Commissioners to establish a School for Truant Children as provided by Statute, and act anything thereon.

ART. 19th. To see if the Town will sell School-house No. 15, (Lowlands) and any property connected with the same act anything thereon.

ART. 20th. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools, and act anything thereon.

ART. 21st. To take any action in relation to a Right of Way held or claimed by any person or persons across any School-house Lot in said town, and act anything in relation to the same.

ART. 32d. To see if the Town will pay any part of the expense for sprinkling the streets at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

ART. 23d. To ballot upon the question of granting licenses for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town, ballots to be Yes or No, in answer to the question, "Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town."

ART. 24th. To see whether the Town will by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold Town Officers and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 25th. To dispose of the money received for any licenses the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 26th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate One Hundred Dollars to be expended by Post 8, Grand Army of the Republic, in the decoration of Soldiers' and Sailors graves, on Memorial Day.

ART. 27th. To act on a List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

And you are further directed to cause these Warrants, to be published seven days, at least, before time therein specified.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, and of your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middleborough, this twenty-first day of March A. D., one thousand eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	}	Selectmen
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		of
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING,		Middleboro'.





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
MIDDLEBORO'  
FOR THE YEAR 1881.



MIDDLEBORO', MASS.  
GAZETTE STEAM POWER BOOK AND JOB PRINTING OFFICE.  
1882.



# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

*For Eleven Months ending Feb. 1, 1882.*

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Voted by the Town for repair of highways,	\$5,000.00	
For new roads and bridges and special repairs,	1,500.00	\$6,500.00
For Support of schools,	9,000.00	
For incidental school expenses,	1,000.00	10,000.00
For support of poor,	4,500.00	
For support of insane,	1,000.00	5,500.00
For payment on town house,	5,000.00	
For town officers and incidental expenses,	2,000.00	
For sidewalks,	700.00	
For clearing highway of snow,	300.00	
For interest on town debt,	1,500.00	
For state aid,	500.00	
For land for gravel,	300.00	
For Post 8, G. A. R. for decoration day,	100.00	
For night watch,	100.00	
For watering streets,	100.00	
For prosecution of crime,	200.00	10,800.00
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		\$32,800.00
Less corporation tax,		4,500.00
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		\$28,300.00
State tax,	\$2,160.00	
County tax,	2,850.86	
Overlaying,	1,518.78	\$6,529.64
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Total,		\$34,829.64

## HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

## NORTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Worked before June 15.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	James L. Jenney,	\$205.00	\$639.75	\$844.75
" 1,	Levi F. Tinkham, (1880,)			63.85
" 2,	L. E. Thomas,	423.23	271.43	694.66
" 3,	John G. Vaughan,	274.98	119.27	394.25
" 4,	Edwin Holmes,	140.58	65.40	205.90
" 5,	Jared F. Alden,	60.36	75.69	136.05
" 6,	I. E. Macomber,	8.50	52.60	61.10
" 7,	Arad R. Dunham,	71.60		71.60
" 8,	Joseph W. Robbins,	110.75	40.62	151.37
		<u>\$1,295.02</u>	<u>\$1,264.76</u>	<u>\$2,623.53</u>

## EAST SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Worked before June 15.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	E. A. Shaw,	\$50.74	\$19.47	\$70.21
" 2,	James W. Briggs,	61.01	51.11	112.12
" 3,	Joshua M. Eddy,	87.69	46.89	134.58
" 4,	Andrew Freeman,	78.89	17.54	96.43
" 5,	H. A. Simmons,	31.94	52.62	84.56
" 6,	R. F. Thompson,	78.10	27.51	105.61
" 7,	I. H. Thompson,	102.23	19.41	121.64
" 8,	Arad Covington,	52.85		52.85
" 9,	Ezra Morse,	65.00	30.47	95.47
" 10,	James Snow,	141.96	16.13	158.09
" 11,	Samuel Cushman,	101.52		101.52
		<u>\$851.93</u>	<u>\$281.15</u>	<u>\$1,133.08</u>

## SOUTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Worked before June 15.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	W. T. Jefferson,	\$25.00	\$55.86	\$80.86
" 2,	Henry Hobill,	145.00		145.00
" 3,	Stillman Benson,	185.75	17.85	203.60
" 4,	George R. Eastman,	94.69	37.30	131.99
" 5,	E. N. Barrows,	114.75	5.25	120.00
" 6,	H. N. Thomas,	99.60	94.09	193.69
" 7,	Abner Wood,	116.50	51.86	168.36



No. 8, Nelson Thomas,	120.60	35.19	155.79
" 9, George S. Clark,	80.00	10.75	90.75
" 10, Horace F. Wood,	86.20	4.15	90.35
" 11, Josiah H. Thomas,	46.75	45.09	91.84
" 12, Arad Thomas,	93.58	61.76	155.34
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	\$1,208.42	\$419.15	\$1,627.57

## SUMMARY.

North Section,	\$2,623.63
East      "	1,133.08
South     "	1,627.57
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Total,	\$5,384.28

## NEW ROADS AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

## IN NORTH SECTION.

Paid Jas. L. Jenney, on Peirce street,	\$395.53	
L. E. Thomas, on West and Vine streets,	218.81	
J. G. Vaughan, on Plymouth street,	109.00	
J. K. & B. Sears, for lumber,	50.31	
J. F. Alden, Titicut bridge,	16.34	
J. W. Robbins, bridge on Center street,	14.85	
Town of Bridgewater, repairs on Alden's		
bridge, one half of expense,	14.37	\$422.68

## EAST SECTION.

Paid R. F. Thompson, on Plymouth street,	\$126.04	
R. F. Thompson, Culverts on Plym-		
outh and Thompson streets,	19.20	145.30
Ira Bryant, on Plymouth street,		236.42
Arad Covington, on Covington bridge, &c.,	28.61	
Charles C. Tinkham, for posts,	5.00	\$425.33

## SOUTH SECTION.

Paid L. F. Tinkham, for wall and railing on		
Barden hill,		\$109.95
George S. Clark, on Wareham street,		195.60
A. C. Wood, on Fall Brook bridge,		88.69
H. F. Maxim, on Highland street,		352.35

Paid Abner Wood, on Cherry street,	49.72	
Abner Wood, on Wood street,	6.85	
Horace F. Wood, on Wood street,	25.00	
H. Hobill, Rocky Gutter and Pine streets,	41.00	
H. N. Thomas, on Smith street,	86.67	
J. B. Carver, on Smith street,	24.38	
B. W. P. Lovell,	5.00	\$985.21
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		\$2,218.75

## SIDEWALKS.

Paid James L. Jenney,	\$182.22	
L. E. Thomas,	185.13	
Edwin Holmes,	25.30	
Jared F. Alden,	43.63	
Chas. H. Thomas, 5 concrete street crossings,	150.00	\$586.28

## GRAVEL ACCOUNT.

Paid John G. Vaughan,	\$9.75	
Nathaniel W. Leonard, for land for gravel, by vote of town,	200.00	
E. Robinson, administrator of T. F. Barden's est., for land, by vote of town in 1880,	159.00	
Mrs. Adnah Jackson,	16.00	
J. B. Le Baron, cinders in 1880,	16.68	
J. M. Eddy,	14.98	
James Snow,	10.80	
Grover Bennett,	10.20	
H. L. Thomas,	15.45	
H. A. Simmons,	.96	\$453.82

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid Edwin Holmes,	\$4.50	
L. F. Tinkham,	84.25	
L. E. Thomas,	19.10	
J. F. Alden,	4.75	
Joseph W. Robbins,	.70	
J. C. Osborn,	1.80	
E. N. Barrows,	2.80	\$117.90

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles T. Thatcher, town clerk, treasurer and collector,	\$450.00	
Joseph T. Wood, selectman and assessor,	206.00	
Albert T. Savery, " "	128.23	
Nathaniel S. Cushing, " "	128.75	
E. G. Shaw, assessor, 1880,	2.50	
Milton Alden, " "	1.25	
C. B. Wood, overseer of poor,	26.50	
A. C. Wood, " "	86.60	
Milton Alden, " "	22.00	
W. H. Southworth, school committee,	205.62	
J. F. Shurtleff, " "	96.25	
N. T. Dyer, " "	106.03	
James Cole, constable,	74.90	
L. M. Alden, "	23.40	
L. M. Alden, truant officer,	33.00	
L. M. Alden, special police officer,	63.65	
S. Mendall, " "	20.50	
S. S. Lovell, " "	18.00	
B. W. Bump, " "	9.00	
Wm. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up,	15.00	\$1,717.18
Wm. S. Andrews, for night watch, by vote of town,	\$45.00	
B. F. Tripp, for night watch, by vote of town,	50.00	95.00
Charles H. Thomas, for sprinkling streets, by vote of town,	100.00	
C. L. Starkey, treasurer of Post 8, G. A. R., by vote of town,	100.00	
James A. Burgess, prosecution of crime,	200.00	

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid John Shaw, stationery,	\$11.02
Peirce & Paige, drain pipe, &c.,	20.33
J. & G. E. Doane, " "	17.56
James M. Coombs, printing town report,	76.80
James M. Coombs, printing bill,	79.00
Arad Bryant, road scraper,	5.00

Paid J. G. Vaughan, bridge and gravel account, 1880,	2.50	
J. G. Vaughan, lumber,	3.77	
Wm. B. Wood, committee on pond fishery,	2.00	
F. M. Vaughan, " " "	5.00	
C. B. Wood, expenses to Boston on treasurer's account,	2.00	
Jacob T. Wood, mowing bushes,	5.00	
J. G. Sparrow, guide boards,	33.00	
H. F. Wood for plough broken on highway,	10.00	\$272.98

### RECAPITULATION.

Paid for repairs of highways,	\$5,384.28	
Special repairs, and new roads,	2,218.75	
Sidewalks,	586.28	
Clearing snow, &c.,	117.90	
Town officers and incidental expenses,	1,990.16	
Gravel account,	453.82	
Military aid, one-half paid by town,	478.00	
Night watch,	95.00	
Sprinkling streets,	100.00	
Prevention of crime,	200.00	\$11,624.19

### FISH ACCOUNT.

Cash received of John Garland for the right to take fish,	\$225.00	
Now due from J. Garland,	100.00	
From towns on the Taunton river, to pay for inspection at East Taunton,	130.00	\$455.00
Paid Jas. A. Burgess, fish warden at E. Taunton,	\$130.00	
L. M. Alden, fish warden,	48.00	
Wm. B. Wood, " 1880,	11.00	
James H. Waterman, "	5.00	
B. Sproat's estate, rent of land for fish house,	3.00	
M. Alden, auctioneer, selling herrings 2 years,	4.00	201.00
To divide with Lakeville,		\$254.00
Middleborough's proportion,	\$210.27	
Lakeville's proportion,	43.73	\$254.00
Number of fish taken in 1881,		87,280

## ESTIMATE FOR A TAX FOR 1882.

For repairs of highways,	\$5,000	
New roads and special repairs,	1,500	\$6,500
Support of schools,	9,000	
Incidental school expenses,	1,000	10,000
Support of poor,	4,500	
Support of insane,	1,000	5,500
Town officers and incidental expenses,		2,100
Payment on Town House,	5,000	
Interest on debt,	1,100	6,100
Sidewalks,		700
Clearing highways of snow,		2,000
Military aid,	500	
Memorial day,	100	
Night watch,	100	700
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		\$33,600
Less corporation and bank tax,		5,200
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		\$28,400

## ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

## NORTH SECTION.

Polls.	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total.
946	\$353,810	\$1,454,945	\$1,808,755

## EAST SECTION.

243	\$41,455	\$313,315	\$354,770
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## SOUTH SECTION.

374	\$65,105	\$413,340	\$478,445
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1563	\$460,370	\$2,181,600	\$2,641,970

	No. of Horses.	No. of Cows.	No. of Sheep.	No. of Houses.	No. of Acres.
N. Section,	334	278	3	616	9,074
E. Section,	167	248	34	203	10,700
S. Section,	220	390	84	277	18,300
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	721	916	121	1,096	38,074

Population June 1st, 1880,	5,237
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# LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES OF THE TOWN, FEB. 1st, 1882.

## LIABILITIES.

Due on notes, principal and interest,		\$16,100
Notes at 7 per cent., (Town House,)	\$4,500	
Notes at 5 per cent.,	11,500	
Teachers, etc., for present term, estimated,	2,500	
Town officers and committees, estimated,	300	
Probable loss on bills now in Collector's hands,	700	3,500
Total,		<u>\$19,600</u>

## RESOURCES.

Cash on hand, Feb. 1st, 1882,	\$8,060	
Due on taxes now in Collector's hands,	5,210	
Due from State for State aid,	2,073	
Due from State for Military aid, one half amount paid, 536		15,879
Balance of liabilities,		<u>\$3,721</u>

## MILITARY AID.

Military aid furnished the following persons, for 11 months ending February 1st, 1882 :

Emerson P. Morse,	\$129.00
Alfred O. Standish,	96.00
Martin F. Jefferson,	64.00
Frederick R. Raymond,	86.00
Stephen C. Ryder,	72.00
William C. Ashley,	100.00
Allen Cobb,	96.00
Perley Haven,	96.00
Benjamin F. Lane,	36.00
Bernard Glancy,	80.00
Abiel Gibbs,	24.00
Fred. Werner,	42.00
John E. Mann,	20.00
Ephraim A. Hunt,	15.00
	<u>\$956.00</u>

## FISH WAY.

At the annual meeting in 1880, it was voted that the report of the committee in reference to the fish way at the Shovel Works, recommending that the town ask the Fish Commissioners to cause a new fish way to be built on the southeast side of the dam beyond all of the works, similar to the one at the Star Mills, be accepted and placed in the hands of the Selectmen, and that they be instructed to request the Fish Commissioners to carry out the provisions of said report.

We sent a copy of the report and a vote of the town to the Fish Commissioners, and have received a reply from E. H. Brackett, one of the Fish Commissioners, in which he writes, "That before taking any action he desires some information"; and one question is, "Will the town pay for and maintain that part of the fish way running under the highway?" We therefore refer the matter again to the town for further action.

# Report of the Treasurer and Collector,

Ending February 1, 1882.

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DR.

Cash received as follows :

From C. B. Wood, former treasurer,	\$1,691.74
School committee, for tuition,	110.66
Town-house committee,	84.48
Middleboro' savings bank,	6,052.50
John Shaw, for school books,	92.07
Shaw & Childs, for school books,	46.54
N. E. Trust Co., for interest,	93.64
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, corporation tax,	4,261.95
Treasurer of the Commonwealth, bank tax,	1,170.51
“ “ “ school fund,	238.38
“ “ “ state aid,	2,104.90
John C. Ashley, for license,	11.00
G. B. Allen, for license,	11.00
Overseers of poor,	522.94
Rev. N. T. Dyer, for school-house sold at auction,	28.00
Sundries,	1.63

The following cities and towns on account of fish :

Dighton, \$20 ; Fall River, \$10 ;	
Freetown, \$10 ; Taunton, \$30 ;	
Raynham, \$20 ; Somerset, \$20 ;	
Berkley, \$20 ;	130.00
Taxes committed in 1881,	34,854.86
Interest and summons,	66.89
	\$34,921.75
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	\$51,573.69

## CR.

Paid Selectmen and auditors, orders,	\$7,472.75
School committee, orders,	6,975.04
Overseers of poor, orders,	4,132.04
Town-house committee, orders,	290.25
Assessors, orders,	317.50
State aid, chapter 301,	1,186.59
State aid, chapter 252,	686.00
County treasurer, county tax,	2,850.86
State treasurer, state tax,	2,160.00
Notes and interest,	14,038.76
W. B. Wood, sealer of weights and measures,	10.00
Treasurer and collector,	450.00
Town clerk, for receiving or obtaining, recording and indexing births, marriages and deaths, in 1881,	65.70
Geo. Soule, for return of deaths in 1881,	19.25
Sundries,	34.05
Unpaid taxes,	2,824.08
Cash on hand,	8,060.82
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	\$51,573.69

C. T. THATCHER, Treasurer and Collector.

The undersigned, a committee chosen by the town to settle with their treasurer, hereby certify that they have attended to that duty, and find the accounts correct and properly vouched for, ending Feb. 1st, 1882.

ICHABOD F. ATWOOD.  
JOHN SHAW.

# Report of Town Treasurer,

FROM MARCH 1, 1881, TO JUNE 23, 1881, AND COLLECTOR OF  
TAXES PREVIOUS TO 1881, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1882.

## DR.

Cash on hand as per report of 1881,	\$7,470.51	
Unpaid taxes,	4,658.60	\$12,129.11
Received as follows :		
For schooling,	41.00	
Middleboro' savings bank,	3,900.00	
Circus,	20.00	
N. E. Trust Co., interest,	38.22	
State treasurer, on account of corporation tax,	6.91	
Sundries,	11.75	
Summonses and interest,	202.74	\$4,220.62
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		\$16,349.73

## CR.

Paid Selectmen and auditors, orders,	\$3,662.27
School committee, orders,	3,374.87
Overseers of the poor, orders,	794.83
Town-house committee,	81.83
State aid,	598.40
Military aid,	275.00
Wm. B. Wood, sealer of weights and measures,	20.00
Joseph E. Beals, public library,	401.77
N. King, services as moderator,	10.00
Treasurer and collector, for one year's service,	450.00
State treasurer, account of corporation tax,	14.59
Town clerk, for receiving or obtaining, re- cording and indexing births, marriages and deaths, in 1880,	63.25
Charles T. Thatcher, present town treas- urer,	1,693.12

Sundries,	4.90
Notes and interest,	1,983.12
Assessors' orders,	534.18
Unpaid taxes,	2,387.60 \$16,349.73

C. B. WOOD, Treasurer and Collector.

MIDDLEBORO', Feb. 18, 1882.

The undersigned, a committee chosen by the town to settle with their treasurer to June 23, 1881, and collector of old taxes to Feb. 1, 1882, hereby certify that they have attended to that duty, and find the accounts correct and properly vouched for eleven months ending February 1, 1882.

ICHABOD F. ATWOOD.  
JOHN SHAW.



# Report of the Overseers of the Poor,

*For eleven months ending Feb. 1, 1882.*

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Amount of money drawn from town treasury,		\$4,926.87
Received from town of Wareham,	\$297.58	
Town of Plymouth,	66.50	
City of New Bedford,	19.50	
City of Taunton,	43.24	
Town of Barnstable,	8.00	
Town of Easton,	52.00	
Town of Sandwich,	8.14	
Town of Acushnet,	8.00	
Town of Duxbury,	211.81	
On account of pensions,	96.00	
From produce, &c., sold,	262.39	1,073.16
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		\$6,000.03

Paid out as follows :

For support of paupers in the Alms-house,	\$1,442.38
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Out of the Alms-house to the following persons and families :

Caroline W. Packard,	\$70.50
Louisa F. Smith,	78.00
Lucy B. Tinkham,	84.00
Wybra Weeks,	48.00
Mrs. A. B. Perry,	130.00
Mrs. James E. Richmond,	83.00
Mary Lawrence,	100.90
Lydia Jones,	20.00
Sarah Phalan,	12.50
Mrs. Wilson Swift,	52.00
Sally C. Benson,	51.00
Ephraim S. Bell,	27.85
Israel Wood,	8.85
Ann S. Standish,	53.75
Rachel W. Thomas,	56.00

Pelham E. Gibbs,	69.64	
Lydia Marchant,	66.50	
Lucy Young,	52.25	
Emily F. Perkins,	144.00	
Mrs. Bradley Gay,	43.00	
James Robbins,	8.00	
Mrs. Noah Maxim,	146.50	
Horace W. Thayer,	211.81	
Mrs. Stillman B. Morse,	183.81	
Mrs. Ellen Weeks,	66.45	
James H. Marvell,	127.00	
Mrs. James Jordan,	19.28	
Betsey C. Cobb,	49.00	
Ephraim D. Butler,	120.00	
Charles W. Field,	13.74	
Sylvanus Ross,	3.00	
Eunice D. Burt,	44.00	
Lewis B. Field,	18.00	
Mrs. Levi Chace,	10.00	
Phineas Haskins,	30.00	
Charles Lucas,	4.96	
John H. Croucher,	10.00	
Robert R. Clark,	8.37	
Hiram Hatch,	19.50	
Eunice M. Bryant,	3.15	
Mrs. Sullivan,	10.00	
Sarah Bassett,	8.14	
H. H. P. Lovell,	56.88	
Oliver Bagnal,	48.00	
Martha M. Braley,	8.00	
Rosalie A. Phyang,	131.50	
Bertha L. Gammons,	11.50	
David P. Shurtliff,	6.00	2,628.33

At Taunton Lunatic Hospital :

Thomas J. Shaw,	\$196.62
Patrick Murphy,	190.47
Henry C. Keith,	204.80
A. M. Eaton,	59.03

## Northampton Hospital :

Joanna O'Keefe,	182.68
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## Worcester Hospital :

Lucy A. King,	179.73	
George Wallen,	184.62	1,161.95
George Soule, for burial of paupers,	\$12.50	
A. C. Wood, expenses out of town on account of paupers,	14.15	
Milton Alden, expenses out of town on account of paupers,	14.93	
Chas. C. Tinkham, for wood for Alms-house,	33.75	
Dr. Hodgson, for professional services for 11 months ending Feb. 1, 1882,	45 83	
E. S. Lovell and wife, for 11 months services to Feb. 1, 1882,	436.50	557.66
Lumber and labor on repairing Alms-house buildings,		209.71
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Whole number in Alms-house during 11 months,	45
Transient,	20
Remaining the whole time,	15
Present number,	19
No. of weeks for one person,	887
Transient,	3
Average number about	18½
Average expense per week, excluding salaries and int. on farm,	\$1.43
Average expense per week, including salaries and int. on farm,	\$2.44

Amount of Real estate, March 1, 1881,	\$3,715.00	
Personal estate, March 1, 1881,	1,524.30	\$5,239.30
Real estate, Feb. 1, 1882,	\$3,715.00	
Personal estate, Feb. 1, 1882,	1,722.71	\$5,437.71

Samuel Morse died May 28, 1881, aged 74 years.

C. B. WOOD,	} Overseers of the Poor of Middleborough.
MILTON ALDEN,	
A. C. WOOD,	

# Report of Town House Committee.

In compliance with a vote of the town, the report herewith presented is from March 1, 1881, to Feb. 1, 1882.

Cash in hands of committee, as by report of last year,			\$63.11
Received for rent of hall and rooms,			559.82
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			\$622.93
Paid Mendall & Vaughan, labor and lumber,	\$1.50		
Mr. Hoxie, repairs,	3.25		
H. A. Sparrow, setting glass,	5.95		
Mr. Hoxie, bill for door and building partition,	52.80		
J. & G. Doane, bill for supplies,	21.54		
E. T. Jenks, work on steam pump, pipe, &c.,	2.45		
Work on Town House lot, post, and labor			
rebuilding fence, dressing, &c.,	12.34		
Sundry small bills,	6.62		
W. B. Wood, janitor 11 months,	432.00	538.45	
Orders on C. B. Wood, town treasurer, in favor of			
N. D. Wilbur, gas bill,	\$57.56		
J. B. Le Baron, coal bill,	24.27	\$81.83	
Orders on C. T. Thatcher, town treasurer, in favor of			
N. D. Wilbur, gas bill,	\$45.53		
J. B. Le Baron, coal bill,	244.72	290.25	372.08
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			\$910.53
Orders drawn on town treasurer,	\$372.08		
Paid town treasurer, Feb. 1, 1882,	84.48		
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Expense over income,	\$287.60		

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. WOOD,  
J. B. LE BARON, } Committee.  
MILTON ALDEN, }

NOTE.—There will be due for rents in March two hundred dollars. There is also due from Frank B. Washburn, for rent of hall for "Tilton Lecture," twenty-five dollars; making a total of two hundred and twenty-five dollars, which, if the report had been for the year, would leave an expense over income of sixty-two and 60-100 dollars. The report being for eleven months, these amounts will be credited on new account when collected.

## EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE Trustees of the Middleboro' Public Library.

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In submitting the eighth annual Report of our Public Library, we need only to refer to our past reports and to say that we believe the Library is being more and more appreciated each year in its influence for good. The quality of reading called for is yearly improving. The teachers of some of our schools have taken pains to interest their scholars in searching for some of the best things in the Library, and an effort has been made to meet such wants.

The labor involved in the care of the Library increases with each year, as also the number of books which require rebinding or to be replaced with new ones. Even the one item of putting on the outside paper covers, consumes in the aggregate several days' time during a year. The following is the

### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The aggregate number of volumes now in the Library amounts to 3350, 165 having been added at different times during the year. Forty-five volumes have been discarded as unfit for use and replaced by new ones. There have also been ninety volumes rebound.

The Library has been open for the delivery of books 301 days during the past year, in which 19,955 books have been delivered—an increase of 1517 volumes over last year—making an average of 66 per day. The largest monthly circulation, which was in the month of March, was 1946; the largest daily circulation, April 2d, was 171 volumes.

Of the number of books issued, all have been returned to the Library or missing ones replaced, except in one instance, where the borrower left town, taking the book.

The number of cards issued to date, 2502; issued during the year, 222. Amount collected from the sale of catalogues, \$4.40; fines, \$54.46.

JOSEPHINE BULLARD, Librarian.

Feb. 1, 1882.

We have had occasion to thank friends for a few donations during the year. Among them we note books from Macullar, Parker & Co., of Boston; magazines from Miss E. Fannie King, and state publications from the library of the late Hon. Noah C. Perkins. We expect to complete sets of the "Atlantic" and of "Scribner's" early in the coming year.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand at last annual report,		\$ .11
Received from town treasurer, (dog money,)		401.77
“ “ sale of catalogues,		4.40
“ “ fines, &c.,		54.46
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		\$460.74
Paid John Shaw for books,	\$89.55	
Estes & Lauriat for books,	154.39	
For binding "Harper's,"	20.06	
For rebinding books,	19.35	
Librarian's salary,	200.00	
Stationery, printing, &c.,	11.25	
Postage, express, and sundry incidentals,	4.58	\$499.18
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Due treasurer,		\$38.44

Some of the payments were for binding done in a previous year, and the amount paid for books includes a purchase made just before but not paid for at the date of our last annual report.

We again ask the co-operation of all in sustaining the library, an institution which our people can call their own, and one which is free to all, without sect, party, or social distinction.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees.

JOSEPH E. BEALS, Secretary and Treasurer.

Middleborough, Feb. 2, 1882.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1881-2.

Term expires 1882.	Term expires 1883.	Term expires 1884.
George Brayton,	Wm. H. Wood,	Wm. R. Peirce, Pres't.
James M. Coombs,	E. Robinson,	A. L. Westgate,
Joseph E. Beals.	E. S. Hathaway.	W. H. Southworth.



# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

## MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBORO IN 1881.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 13	John F. Eaton,	Middleborough,	Mary A. Canty,	East Taunton.
18	William H. Thomas,	Raynham,	Mary F. Andrews,	Middleborough.
Feb. 3	Stephen D. Atwood,	Carver,	Sarah M. Clark,	"
9	Albert P. Bicknell,	Melrose,	Grace F. Harlow,	"
17	William A. Bradley,	Middleborough,	Amy G. Marble,	"
19	Elliot L. Bonney,	Plympton,	Annie White,	Plympton.
23	William F. Staples,	No. Easton,	Eliza W. Curtis,	Middleborough.
26	Charles D. Clark,	Middleborough,	Mary C. Taber,	Rochester.
Mar. 13	M. Norman Southworth	Brockton,	Ida A. Howard,	Middleborough.
13	Myron E. Drew,	Wellfleet,	Charlotte A. Cripps,	"
15	Henry Wood,	Halifax,	Mabel H. Cole,	"
27	Franklin D. Baker,	Middleborough,	Hattie L. Miller,	"
30	Charles P. Washburn,	"	Martha E. Rich,	"
Apr. 29	James Martin,	"	Miranda H. Pike,	"
May 1	James A. Haskell,	"	Laura Pittsley,	Lakeville.
18	Arthur J. Parry,	"	Louisa F. Ritter,	Middleborough.
19	Henry L. Thomas,	"	Lillie E. Thomas,	"
19	Dennis E. Baker,	"	Anna L. Handy,	Marion.
22	George W. Burgess,	"	Lucy M. Jenney,	Middleborough.
June 8	Herbert A. Wilber,	"	Mary A. Hall,	East Taunton.
14	John E. McMann,	"	Clara A. Lee,	Middleborough.
16	Abram Dillingham,	Acushnet,	Abbie L. Davis,	Acushnet.
22	James F. Shurtleff,	Middleborough,	Lettie A. Harrington,	Wareham.
27	Charles E. Bump,	Lakeville,	Sarah C. Southworth,	Lakeville.
July 3	Fred H. Moore,	Brockton,	Alice E. Kittrell,	Middleborough.
3	Holden T. Moore,	Raynham,	Jennie E. Tolman,	Bridgewater.
7	Will. B. True,	Middleborough,	Maria E. Walker,	Waltham.
10	Frank P. Alexander,	"	Marion E. Gove,	Middleborough.
24	Clarence E. Seaver,	"	Elizabeth E. Peckham,	"
Aug. 24	William E. Adams,	"	Jane Adams,	Providence, R.I.
Sept. 1	St. Clair Pierce,	"	Clara J. Darling,	Middleborough.
4	Frank H. Brooks,	"	Lucy D. Richardson,	"
7	Frank A. Jenkins,	Boston,	Alice E. Wright,	"
22	Herbert S. Shurtleff,	Wareham,	Lucy H. Smith,	Wareham.
28	Luther W. Savery,	Middleborough,	Alice J. Churchill,	Carver.
Oct. 1	James W. Lewis,	Kingston,	Jane T. Bryant,	Kingston.
5	Samuel Graves,	Middleborough,	Alice C. Burgess,	Middleborough.
7	Benjamin F. Wright,	"	Carrie W. Blanchard,	E. Bridgewater.
15	Alex'r H. Cushman,	"	Elizabeth A. Taylor,	Middleborough.
30	George Waterman,	"	Abbie F. Palmer,	Rochester.
Nov. 6	Walter A. Shaw,	"	Mary E. Hunt,	Middleborough.
17	Phillip E. Kingman,	"	Nellie H. Shaw,	"
19	Edgar A. Washburn,	"	Julia A. Fuller,	"
23	William L. Robinson,	Mansfield,	Mary L. Shaw,	"
23	Charles L. Cobb,	Wareham,	Anna C. Wallen,	"
23	Willie E. Vaughan,	Middleborough,	Virginia L. Gorham,	"
24	John C. Sullivan,	"	Myra E. Stacy,	Waterville, Me.
27	James W. Briggs,	"	Mercy J. Cobb,	Middleborough.
28	Abbott Jones,	Kingston,	Mary S. Soule,	"
Dec. 7	Charles H. Briggs,	Middleborough,	Emma W. Osborn,	"
15	Albert E. Harvey,	"	M. Franc Hoxie,	"
22	James M. Clark, Jr.,	"	Carrie F. Shaw,	"
28	Albert W. Smith,	"	Mary F. Hagen,	"
29	Lewis C. Raymond,	Sandwich,	Olive K. Benson,	Wareham.
31	Everett H. Bumpus,	Lakeville,	Maggie M. Howe,	Middleborough.

## DEATHS

REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBORO IN 1881.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 1	Mary A. B. Gay,	60	2		Apoplexy—Cerebral.
5	Lothrop S. Thomas,	79	2	20	Heart Disease.
6	Pamelia D. Bradford,	73	11	7	Bone Sore—Mortification.
8	Peregrine W. Savery,	77	3	8	Cancer of Stomach.
15	Andrew L. Hayes,		5		Pneumonia.
25	Rebecca Shurtleff,	55	8	16	Consumption.
28	Hepzibah P. Vaughan,	46		17	Diabetes.
Feb. 5	Harriet Strobbridge,	88	10		Old Age.
8	Sarah A. Crocker,	39	10	19	Tumor—Dropsy.
10	Sarah Cleale,	85	10		Old Age.
11	Jane M. Evans,	45	7	6	Antheax—Septicaemia.
15	Russell Snow,	59	5	22	Liver Disease.
26	Henry Arnold,	70	6	10	Typhoid Fever.
Mar. 1	William A. Bradley,	68	10	18	Enlargement of the Heart.
2	Millison Miller,	97		5	Old Age.
4	Mary Vaughan,	90			Old Age.
12	Julia Keating,	26			Consumption.
14	Charles A. Goodwin,	21	8	17	Heart Disease.
19	Eliza Adams,	73		23	Apoplexy.
20	Reuel Eaton,	73	4	1	Apoplexy.
21	Eva M. Goldsboro,	1	6	11	
22	Annie E. Adams,	28	9	15	Consumption.
April 2	Ellen L. Gibbs,	85			Old Age.
9	Isaac Clark,	64	5		Heart Disease.
10	Bethia Shaw,	77	9	15	Old Age.
18	Andrew M. Eaton,	68	6		Chronic Mania—Paralysis.
25	Harrison Thomas,	64	1	24	Fever.
May 1	Martha Soule,	75	3	21	Consumption.
5	Caroline F. Gibbs,	46	4	24	Kidney Disease—Capillary Bron.
12	William H. Harrison,		2	6	Marasamus.
15	Thomas C. Sproat,	32	1	15	Bright's Disease.
16	Mary Jane Peirce,	32	8		
28	Samuel Morse,	74	4	25	Heart Disease.
30	Sarah F. Shurtleff,	2	5		Croup.
June 2	Deborah C. Shaw,	48	6	21	Brain Fever.
4	Priscilla Mitchell,	63	2	18	Heart Disease.
18	Mary Atwood,	36		8	Child-bed Fever.
19	Eliza S. Smith,	69	2	16	Shock on Brain.
20	Sylvanus Hinckley,	81	10	26	Old Age.
22	Maria A. Moore,	57	2	15	Shock.
July 16	Charlotte M. Perkins,	47		7	Pneumonia.
22	Charles W. Cushing,	11	4	16	Drowned.
31	Chester I. Harlow,	54	7	7	Atrophy of the Brain—Inanition.
Aug. 2	Marquita P. Eddy,	24	6	10	Peritonitis.
6	Mary G. Reed,	55		12	Apoplexy.
12	Mary Holmes,	23	3	5	Consumption.
17	Salmon Caswell,	85	4	13	Cancer in Stomach.
31	Samuel P. Keith,	80	2	14	Dysentery.
Sept. 1	Waitstill Leonard,	88	5	7	Old Age.
13	Margaret Curley,	28			Puerperal Fever—Bronchitis.
25	Elijah F. Burgess,	46			Consumption.
26	Mabel J. Belcher,	13	6	20	Inflammation of Bowels.
Oct. 1	Esther S. Chubbuck,	4	2		Dyp. Mem. Croup.
2	Everett Gay,			4	
4	Sarah Downing,	91	2		Old Age.
8	Delia S. Maxim,	74	9	29	Bronchitis.
10	Huldah Williams,	92	9	10	Old Age.
18	Charles Miller,	5	5		
23	Daniel S. Perkins,	44			Typhoid Pneumonia.
23	Mercy Nutter,	87	6		Old Age.
23	Joseph A. Backus,	82	1	24	Old Age.
25	Wealthy Cushman,	93		21	Cancer.
28	Norman Wood,	3	7	9	Croup.
28	Mary D. Savery,	76	11	17	Tumor.
30	Freeman T. McGlathlin,	72	1	10	Atrophy of Brain.

## DEATHS

REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBORO IN 1881.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Oct. 30	Hattie M. Briggs,	7		10	Dyphtheria.
Nov. 1	Eli F. Farnsworth,	35	9		Consumption.
6	Mary C. Case,	26	7	8	Consumption.
8	Fanny P. Shaw,	15	4	6	Meningitis.
8	Thomas McCarty,	28			Heart Disease.
12	Robert V. Cole,	55	3	12	Heart Disease.
16	Mary E. Blanchard,	48	11		Phthisis.
24	Jonathan P. Morse,	30	7	3	Consumption.
Dec. 5	Henry A. Surrency,		4	7	Peritonitis.
13	Nathan S. Briggs,	71	6	11	Calcification of Arteries.
15	Elizabeth Tinkham,	60	8	5	Shock.
21	Bertram E. Carter,		8	3	Brain Fever.
26	Irene Soule,	80			Pneumonia.

## SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths, recorded in Middleboro' for the year 1881 :

## BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1881,		93
Males,	52	
Females,	41	

The percentage of the children is as follows:

Both parents American,	76
"    "    Irish,	9
"    "    German,	2
Mixed, one parent American,	5
"    other nations,	1

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1881,		55
Both parties born in United States,	52	
Mixed, one party born in United States,	3	

## DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1881,		88
Males,	38	
Females,	50	

## AGES.

Stillborn,	10	Under one year,	5
Between 1 and 5 years,	4	Between 5 and 10 years,	2
"    10 " 20 "	3	"    20 " 30 "	8
"    30 " 40 "	6	"    40 " 50 "	8
"    50 " 60 "	6	"    60 " 70 "	8
"    70 " 80 "	13	"    80 " 90 "	10
"    90 " 100 "	5		

C. T. THATCHER, Town Clerk.

LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following names of persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year :

Ichabod F. Atwood,  
 William F. Atwood,  
 Harrison W. Atwood,  
 Theodore H. Alden,  
 Jared F. Alden,  
 John S. Benson,  
 Elisha T. Benson,  
 Ira Bryant,  
 Joshua K. Bishop,  
 Richard E. Cobb,  
 Emory F. Atwood,  
 Nathaniel S. Cushing,  
 Thomas C. Collins,  
 Joshua M. Eddy,  
 William C. Eddy,  
 Enoch Drake,  
 Orrin E. Deane,  
 Foster A. Harlow,  
 Albert F. Finney,  
 George T. M. Gammons,  
 James E. Gibbs,  
 Warren H. Southworth,  
 Josiah C. Shaw,  
 George L. Soule,  
 Augustus H. Soule,  
 Luther W. Savery,  
 Eugene P. Le Baron,  
 Harry C. Sparrow,  
 George E. Doane,  
 Bradford D. W. Bartlett,  
 Charles C. Tinkham,  
 Ira M. Thomas,  
 William B. Wood,  
 Asaph F. Washburn,  
 Edward F. Tinkham,  
 Jeremiah Doane,  
 Alvin P. Vaughan,

George E. Wood,  
Francis B. Gibbs,  
Thomas J. Le Baron,  
James L. Jenney,  
Benjamin F. Leonard,  
John Q. Morton,  
Andrew J. Pickens,  
James M. Pickens,  
Ebenezer Smith,  
Jeremiah R. Pratt,  
Augustus Pratt,  
Nathaniel C. Perkins,  
Isaac E. Perkins,  
Charles W. Turner,  
Horace N. Rider,  
George R. Sampson,  
Elnathan Sherman,  
Zebedee Leonard,  
John C. Vaughan,  
Ebenezer A. Shaw,  
Austin G. Atwood,  
Albert T. Savery,  
Elbridge G. Shaw,  
Josiah H. Vaughan,  
Warren Wood,  
James H. Weston,  
Will B. True,  
James W. Briggs,  
Leander A. Tinkham,  
Franklin S. Thompson,  
Philander W. Thompson,  
Albert J. Wood,  
Ellis Weston,  
Nathan B. Maxim,  
George W. Washburn,  
A. Herbert Pratt.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,  
ALBERT T. SAVERY,  
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING, } Selectmen  
of  
Middleborough.

Middleborough, Feb. 20th, 1882.

## ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6th, 1882.

ART. 1st. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; the following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz., Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and Fish Wardens.

ART. 3d. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the present year.

ART. 4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the present year, and determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated.

ART. 5th. To choose a Board of Auditors to examine claims against the town, and order the payment of the same.

ART. 6th. To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer, and report the condition of the treasury.

ART. 7th. To vote the pay to the Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year, and Sealer of Weights and Measures for the past year.

ART. 8th. To dispose of the town's right to take alewives the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 9th. To see if the town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they also be chosen Pound Keepers.

ART. 10th. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their Alms-house, and act anything thereon.

ART. 11th. To allow accounts against the town, and act anything thereon.

ART. 12th. To take action in relation to clearing the highways of snow the present year.

ART. 13th. To choose a committee to have the care of the town house and lot.

ART. 14th. To hear and act on the reports of any officers or committees of the town.

ART. 15th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 16th. To see if the town will vote to pay a part of the expense of a night watch at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

ART. 17th. To ballot upon the question of granting license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, ballots to be Yes or No in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 18th. To see if the town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the



legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town offices, and to vote in town affairs, on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 19th. To dispose of the money received for dog licenses the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 20th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate one hundred dollars to be expended by Post 8, Grand Army of the Republic, in the decoration of soldiers' and sailors' graves on Memorial Day.

ART. 21st. To act on the List of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 22d. To see if the town will vote to release John Garland from a portion of the note given by him to the town to secure the payment of the price for which the alewives were bid off at the last annual meeting, and act anything thereon.

ART. 23d. To see what action the town will take in relation to a petition now before the County Commissioners to widen and straighten the highway known as Grove street, between the "dwelling-house of Abisha Miller and the dwelling-house of Ivory H. Sears."

ART. 24th. To see if the town will vote to build a fish-house at the Star Mills, and act anything thereon.

ART. 25th. To see if the town will vote to accept and confirm the action of the Selectmen in laying out a town-way from Main street to School street, commencing easterly of the house of Angeline B. Tinkham, thence to School street between the houses of Philander W. Thompson and Isaac Soule, and act anything thereon.

ART. 26th. To see if the town will vote to pay a part of the expense for sprinkling the streets at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

ART. 27th. To see if the town will vote to remit the whole or any part of the tax assessed against the Domestic Needle Works, for the years 1878, 1879, and 1880, and act anything thereon.

ART. 28th. To see if the town will build a new school-house for school No. 10. (South Middleborough,) and act anything in relation to the same.





ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF—

MIDDLEBOROUGH,

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

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MIDDLEBOROUGH:

H. L. THATCHER & Co., STEAM PRINTERS,  
1882.



ANNUAL REPORT  
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*Fellow-Citizens* :—At your last annual town meeting it was "Voted that the town officers be instructed to make up their accounts to February 1st., and print and deliver their reports during said month." In not complying with the above requirement, it is hoped your Committee will not be looked upon as manifesting an antagonistic spirit. Had we done so, we should have been under the necessity of leaving out a report of the third term altogether ; and give an account of but two-thirds of the appropriation, as expended at that time ; thus giving you a very incomplete and unsatisfactory report. School committees, after having been chosen by the town, pass under authority of the State school laws, by which they are to be governed ; and are not subject to the vote of the town. We do not make this statement boastingly, but because it is a fact that is not generally known.

The results of the schools, taken collectively the past year, have been of a satisfactory and praiseworthy nature. The relations which exist between the teachers of the schools and those interested in the cause of education, in most cases, have been of a pleasant character. In selecting teachers, it has been our rule to obtain the best we could for the compensation. That we succeeded in every instance, is more than we can claim, and more than could be expected of us. Such teachers as have manifested but little tact for the work, have been quickly and judiciously discharged.

### *SCHOOL BOOKS.*

We have thought it advisable to discard from the schools, the Progressive Speller, it being one of the most obsolete text-books we know of; and have put in its place Worcester's Speller, which is a very practical book, and is answering its purpose acceptably. This we have been able to do without any expense whatever, either to the town or pupils.

### *MORALS AND GOOD BEHAVIOR.*

The General Statutes of this Commonwealth direct: "All instructors of youth to impress on the minds of children committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety, justice and a sacred regard to truth, love to their country, humanity and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society, and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded."

The above has been so sadly neglected, that its evil results are everywhere apparent; insomuch that the Board of Education recommend that school committees shall

make special mention in their reports, of the morals and behavior in each school under their charge.

No one can doubt but there has been a great improvement in the working of our traditional school system in New England, for the past few years. Yet there has been some loss as to relative manners and moral qualities of children, trained under the respective influences of the former and the latter times. Fifty years ago, children were not only instructed, but were made to treat their superiors with great respect, and all with courtesy. When they met the clergyman or the Squire, they would take off their caps and stand with uncovered heads while he passed. Now, many times when one passes a wayside schoolhouse, he is glad to make extra speed to get out of the way of flying missiles hurled about his head, and beyond the sound of the yells and whoops of the froward striplings. While we do not care to have the children of the present day under such rigid surveillance, yet we do ask, that they may be so instructed, as not to throw stones at the school house after dismissal, in *our* presence, or cast a stone after us as we drive away. Common schools are too often regarded as nurseries of the intellect only. Parents and teachers seem to think that the home is the place for the cultivation of the heart and conscience of the child, forgetting that if the all-important work of moral training should be neglected while the child is beyond the parental eye, mingling with his schoolmates, he can hardly escape injury from the various vicious influences which rain down upon his mind. One may be improving fast in knowledge, and bear to his home the highest character as a scholar, yet he may be ripening still faster in wickedness, and be losing all that makes scholarship a blessing to himself or the world.



It is the required duty of every teacher to do all in his, or her power, to inculcate in every pupil principles of honesty and truthfulness. Do not longer consider it as something not belonging to you to do. You may not receive here the credit and reward that justly belongs to you for diligence in this matter, yet you will have the approval of conscience in the faithful discharge of your duty. Children should be taught as early as possible to feel how mean, low and wicked a thing falsehood is, and how noble and glorious it is always to tell the truth. Falsehood is one of the greatest offences of which children can be guilty. Unless many of our children get a sense of their moral duty from their teacher, they will not get it at all. It is more important to a man's self that he should be an upright and conscientious man, than that he should be an intelligent, a skillful, or a learned man; and beyond measure more important to the community. This is the most important branch in our school curriculum, and the one that receives the least attention.

"The mind, impressible and soft, with ease  
Imbibes and copies what she hears and sees;  
And through life's labyrinth holds fast the clew  
That education gives her, false or true."

### *TEACHERS.*

The school committee are blamed, and severely blamed, because they do not employ graduates from the High School as teachers, instead of those from other towns who have graduated from the Normal School. The most important office of our High Schools is to store the minds of its pupils with profitable knowledge. There is not much doubt but four-fifths of our graduates from the High School could pass a creditable teacher's examination; yet we do not believe that one-fifth of them would at once achieve

respectable results as teachers, being void of elementary drill so necessary to the success of every teacher. One of the most important factors in our system of education is to have teachers well trained for our public schools. The courses of study at the State Normal School are well adapted to this end. The pupils are led to analyze carefully each branch; to learn in what order the different parts of the subject should be taught, and then teach it to their fellow-students, who are actual pupils under the criticism of their fellow-students and their teacher. They enter upon this work of teaching at the beginning of the course and continue it to the end. In all its work the school is a normal training school. It is a two-years' or a four-years' course of practical teaching. In this normal training the pupils are led to acquire knowledge for themselves, from the objects of thought. The organization of schools and the principles of school government are carefully considered. The right performance of the teacher's work requires the most thorough knowledge of the different branches of learning taught, and the best methods of teaching these branches. To secure this knowledge and the skill to use it, requires a thorough course of study and practice, and a willingness on the part of the teacher to devote his best energies to the preparation for his work. All its work is performed with direct reference to training the normal pupils to teach and train children for the work of life. We do not mean to say that every one graduating from the Normal School will become a first-class teacher. But we do believe that all thus prepared for teaching, will succeed better than they otherwise would have done.

*TRUANTS.*

Although we brought this subject before the town last year without any satisfactory result, other than feeling we had discharged our duty, yet we deem it to be a matter which ought to receive serious consideration; and one which, if passed by unheeded, will positively cause our schools to deteriorate. The importance of correcting the evil of absenteeism and non-attendance at school, cannot be over-estimated. There are many children in town who are not in the way of acquiring a good elementary education; and so long as there is one such child remaining, our efforts to improve the attendance and reduce absenteeism should not be relaxed. One-fourth part of the money raised for the support of our schools is annually lost—actually thrown away. The average attendance of the schools is three-fourths of the whole number belonging to the schools, which shows that a fourth of the time allowed for the cultivation of the minds of our children, and consequently the same proportional part of the school money, is squandered away by the irregular attendance of the scholars. For a time, we obtained assent to send our truants to the State Primary School at Monson, for confinement. As that school is filled to overflowing, permission can no longer be secured, and we are powerless to do anything when occasion demands it. In comparing the state of our schools in 1880, with what they were previous to this time, we observe a gain of 14 per cent. in the average attendance, a result that is certainly most gratifying. But now it is generally known that we have no place of committal for truants, and our registers show a falling-off in attendance.

In a pecuniary point of view, it is the policy of every town to make all needed provisions for its truants, although

it may incur some expense. Illiteracy is one great cause of crime in our land. It is said that "In our six New England States only 7 per cent. of the inhabitants over ten years of age can neither read nor write; and this small minority commits 80 per cent. of the crime."

We have a law to correct this evil, but as long as that law is permitted by sheer and unpardonable neglect to go unenforced it is of no avail. We would emphatically say that we know of no resort but the rigid enforcement of the neglected law given below :

"Each city and town shall make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual, truants and children between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who may be found wandering about the streets or public places therein, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance; and shall make such by-laws as shall be most conducive to the welfare of such children, and to the good order of such city or town; and shall provide suitable places for the confinement, discipline and instruction of such children: *provided*, that said by-laws shall be approved by the Superior Court, or a justice thereof, or by the judge of the Probate Court of the county." In not complying with the above law of the Commonwealth, we cannot expect to receive any apportionment of the annual income of the Massachusetts School Fund, which amounts to about \$236 annually.

#### *SUPPLEMENTARY READING.*

One of the wants of our schools, more especially at the village, is a greater amount of reading matter for each grade. Scholars become so familiar with their lessons in reading, by the constant repetition which a large class of pupils makes necessary, that they can repeat them without reference to the books; this ends their interest in these les-

sons, yet they are not prepared to take the next higher book of the series. A few parents have been willing to purchase extra books for their children, but this is the exception rather than the rule, the parent usually replying to requests of this kind that he will buy the next higher book, but no other of the same grade. If these parents would visit the schools (they never do), they might learn the error into which they have fallen. As a remedy for this, the town should own several sets of readers for each of the lower grades, these books to be exchanged from one school or class to another, thus supplying a variety of new reading, without extra cost to the parents, and at a small outlay by the town. Twenty-five books are enough for each set, and nine sets would make a very complete outfit. The cost of the books will vary from fifteen to sixty cents each, and with the constant wear to which they will be subjected, they will not last more than three years. To carry out this plan, it is necessary that the town should make a small appropriation for the purpose.

### *SCHOOL PROPERTY.*

We have thought we might render you an acceptable service, by giving you a detailed account of the school property in town; that all might become more intimately acquainted with what we have, and what we need. There are certain school requisites needed in every school room, with which very few, if any, of our houses are supplied, viz.: dictionaries, outline maps, charts, thermometers, clocks and books of reference. With a view to a more exact understanding of geography, all the schools, the past year, have been supplied with globes; and your committee would here express the hope that teachers will not fail to make frequent use of them in their geographical teachings.



### DISTRICT No. 1. (Soule Neighborhood.)

The house is very small, yet sufficiently large when not transformed into a wood shed. The extremely narrow entry, during the winter term, is made to hold a few feet of wood, leaving only a small passage way in and out. The remainder of the winter's supply of fuel has generally been housed at a generous neighbor's. On this account, with some inconvenience, the school-room itself takes on the additional feature of entry for boys and girls. The house is in quite good condition, and is seated for thirty scholars. The enclosure, which is triangular in form, answers its purpose very well; and when it is found too small for the children's sports, they make the best of the neighboring woods for a play-ground.

### DISTRICT No. 2. (Waterville.)

This district is much better provided for than No. 1. The house, having forty sittings, was quite recently built at an expense of about \$800, upon a spacious lot, which within the present year, has been better graded, at an expense of \$20. The members of the district have manifested a commendable pride in their new building, and have spared no pains to make it pleasant inside as well as out. They have furnished an expensive clock, good curtains, many wall ornaments, and quite recently, a new settee. With such good care and special attention, there is now wanting nothing inside or outside to make this one of the pleasantest school houses in town. A large wood house is among its conveniences.

### DISTRICT No. 3. (Green.)

Here, as in No. 2, is all that could be desired. The house, though a few years older, is yet comparatively new, having been repainted within three years. There are twenty desks, and originally forty seats; but several have



long been broken, so that it may soon be necessary to add new desks, as all the seats are now filled, when no scholar is absent. There is a large, well-fenced yard, and a commodious wood-house among the good things of this fortunate district.

#### DISTRICT No. 4. (Muttock.)

This house is set upon a hill and cannot be hid. The way of access to it is not easy, and the drifting snow sometimes necessitates a good deal of shoveling. The building has an imposing, church-like appearance, with *belfry* and *bell*, (of which no other school in town can boast). It was the gift of a former resident in the district. The house was thoroughly repaired less than a year ago; among other things being newly plastered, and painted within and without. The play-ground is unlimited, including a large, unfenced pasture. A wood-house there is not; for this purpose is used half of the none too large entry, and when necessary, the broad canopy of heaven. Quite recently has been used fuel that has been exposed to the storms of several years.

#### DISTRICT No. 6. (Thompsonville.)

The house was built about twenty-seven years ago, and has the same desks and seats (forty in number) with which it was then furnished. It is thought, however, that they will answer for some time to come. The ceiling needs to be replastered at once, and also a part of the walls. It greatly needs paint within and without, which it will doubtless receive during the next long vacation. A good wood house is not wanting, and the enclosed yard is all that could be desired for its purpose.

#### No. 8. (Thomastown.)

This house, having been built but a few years, is in good repair inside and out; is convenient and commodious,

with a well-fenced and ample playground. The latter could be very much improved in general appearance by a small outlay in the way of removing stumps, etc. Out-buildings in good condition.

No. 10. (South Middleboro.)

We consider this house inadequate for a school of thirty scholars, being too small and ill-arranged. It is furnished with four rows of double seats, with five seats in each row. The outside seats on either side are placed against the wall, necessitating the scholar sitting next the aisle, to remove every time the one sitting with him is obliged to go in or out; thus causing considerable inconvenience as well as unseemly confusion. There are but two small blackboards, seven feet long and three feet wide; one on either side of the window, an arrangement that never ought to exist, under any circumstances.

The whole mass of the air around us is gradually rendered impure by vapors exhaled from the lungs, and by the matter which is constantly passing from the surface of the body, as insensible perspiration. The amount of corruption produced by these sources is astonishing; and we cease to be surprised at the loathsomeness of the foul, poisonous air, with which a close room is contaminated; or at the headaches, languor, dullness and ill temper, which are its immediate effects.

Every school room, in order to effect a sufficient change of air, without producing a draught, must allow 20 square feet of floor space to each pupil, with a height of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  feet; 250 cubic feet of space per occupant. While in this house we have but 12 feet floor space for each pupil, with a height of 8 feet, allowing but 96 cubic feet for each; not enough by three-fifths. Shall we thus allow the proper sanitary laws to be unobserved, and bring mental in-

action, and even sickness upon our children? Shall we indiscreetly confine our children in so small a room, to draw into their mouths air loaded with effluvia from lungs and other sources, which is in the highest degree deleterious and loathsome? The laws of hygiene emphatically answer—NO! The house is placed too near the road, no playground attached, too much exposed to the noise of all the passers-by, the windows are too low, so much so, as to be very convenient for the scholar, on hearing a noise, to look out and see what is going on; a fact to which any one can testify that has had occasion to pass that way.

We claim to be living in an age of improvement. We claim to know more of the laws of physical health than our ancestors knew. This knowledge invites and urges us to provide schoolhouses for our children, which are constructed in accordance with the principles of comfort and good taste.

#### No. 11. (France.)

A year ago this house was thoroughly renovated inside, transforming it from an unsightly, poorly furnished room, into one of cheerfulness. The playground is unlimited, but how much of it belongs to the town we cannot tell. As it is surrounded by woods, it is not fenced. Out-buildings in good repair.

#### No. 12. (Highland.)

This school-house occupies a desirable location, is practicable in construction, and attractive in appearance. The room is supplied with a fair amount of school furniture, is well lighted and cheerful. One-half of the roof will need re-shingling soon. The playground is liberal, but surrounded by a stone wall in a dilapidated condition. Out-buildings need slight repairs.

## No. 13. (Rock.)

The house is pleasantly and centrally located upon a liberal sized lot inclosed by a board fence with stone posts. The schoolhouse will need the following repairs during the summer vacation, viz.: re-shingling, new floor and re-laying of the chimney. The room is furnished with chairs, many of which in long usage have been broken. The out-buildings are in a fair condition.

## DISTRICT No. 14. (Fall Brook.)

In this district is a house, built only a few years ago, and repainted very recently, when all necessary repairs were made. The old school building is used for a wood house, needing at present some repairs. There is a large, well-fenced enclosure, the appearance of which a small outlay would greatly improve. The seating capacity of the school room is much larger than its present furnishing, which is only sixteen desks, or thirty-two sittings.

## No. 16. (Wappanucket.)

We regard this house as going to general decay and not worth extensive repairs; therefore have made as few as possible to make it conducive to the comfort of the pupils. It is only a question of time when it shall be replaced by a new one. There is no wood house here, a need much felt. Out-buildings are in a fair condition.

## No. 17. (Neck.)

This schoolhouse was enlarged and renovated ten or twelve years ago, therefore it is in quite good repair outside. The floor is very much worn and so open as to make the room cold and uncomfortable during the winter. The wood shed is old and out of repair, and will need reconstructing during the summer. The schoolhouse lot is small, with a good stone wall at one end only.

## No. 18. (Centre.)

Two school-houses and one hired room furnish such conveniences (?) as exist for the scholars at the village. The "Old school-house" on School street has three apartments: a primary room seating sixty pupils, and a higher primary room seating fifty-eight pupils, on the lower floor; the last named having too many seats for the room, but none too many for the number of scholars who are obliged to attend there. On the second floor is located one of the intermediate schools, with a pleasant room fitted to accommodate seventy-six pupils. This house has recently been shingled, but needs considerable other repairs. The lot belonging with this building contains about one acre. The "new school-house" on Union street has two principal rooms and two recitation rooms. The principal room on the lower floor seating seventy pupils, with its adjoining room seating twenty pupils, is occupied by an intermediate school. This room is defective in blackboard accommodations, not that there is any lack in this line, but that they are so high as to be out of reach of the pupils.

The principal room on the second floor seating one hundred pupils, with the adjoining room seating twenty-four pupils, is occupied by the Grammar School. The lot upon which this house stands contains about seventy rods.

One Primary School occupies a hired room in Pierce Academy at a rental of \$120 a year. This room is furnished for fifty-four pupils, the furniture being the property of the town.

## DISTRICT No. 19. (Purchase.)

Nothing more could be reasonably asked for in this district. The house is large, with a wood room conveniently arranged between its two entries. Three years ago



it was painted within and without, and other minor repairs done. It is well furnished for between forty and fifty pupils, with abundant room for more, should necessity require it. The enclosure contains about one acre.

No. 20. (Plymouth St., No. Middleboro.)

Is seated for twenty-four pupils. This house has a large lot, and has recently been shingled, plastered, newly floored, and painted inside and out.

No. 21. (Pleasant St., No. Middleboro.)

Is seated for twenty-eight pupils, the desks not being well adapted to scholars of any grade, and very inconvenient for the larger pupils attending the school. The lot is of ample size, but the house and out-buildings are badly arranged.

DISTRICT No. 22. (Redding.)

The house is small, but sufficiently large for the present number of pupils. Within the present year, it has been thoroughly repaired, receiving new plastering throughout, and paper for the walls.

Schools Nos. 5, 7, 9 and 15 have been discontinued, and the last of the property disposed of, the school-house at No. 15 having been sold during the past year. It seems desirable that the committee should re-number or otherwise designate the schools, at an early date, as besides the vacancies made by the omitted numbers, No. 18 now comprises six distinct schools taught in three different buildings by eight teachers.

*PARENTAL VISITS.*

As an index showing the interest manifested by parental visits to the school room, we give in the tabular part of the report, the frequency of such visits as taken from the school registers. To illustrate the negligence parents are



often thoughtlessly guilty of in this matter, we give the following anecdote: "An independent farmer concluded to raise some calves; and, after weaning them, turned them off to pasture. He went, once a week, as was right and proper he should, to see to them; but what seems most singular, is, that he passed to the pasture by the school-house where he had just as many children as he had calves, and never entered it during the whole term." We do not infer from this, that the farmer considered the calves of more value than his children; but that he faithfully performed one duty, while he thoughtlessly neglected a hundred fold greater one.

## COURSE OF STUDY IN THE MIDDLEBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.

### ENGLISH COURSE.

#### FIRST YEAR.

*First Term*—Algebra, Physiology, Rhetoric.

*Second Term*—Algebra, Natural History, Rhetoric.

*Third Term*—Algebra, Natural History, Composition.

#### SECOND YEAR.

*First Term*—Geometry, Physical Geography, English Literature.

*Second Term*—Geometry, Physical Geography, English Literature.

*Third Term*—Trigonometry, Geology, Arithmetic, English Literature.

#### THIRD YEAR.

*First Term*—Book-keeping, Astronomy, French, Natural Philosophy.

*Second Term*—Civil Government, French, Natural Philosophy.

*Third Term*—Ancient History, French, Botany.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

*First Term*—Modern History, French, Moral Philosophy.

*Second Term*—Modern History, French, Reviews.

*Third Term*—Chemistry, French, Reviews.

### ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL COURSE.

#### FIRST YEAR.

*First Term*—Algebra, Physiology, Rhetoric or *Latin*.

*Second Term*—Algebra, Natural History, Rhetoric or *Latin*.

*Third Term*—Algebra, Natural History, Composition or *Latin*.

#### SECOND YEAR.

*First Term*—Geometry, Physical Geography, Latin.

*Second Term*—Geometry, Physical Geography, Latin.

*Third Term*—Trigonometry or Geology, Arithmetic, Latin.

#### THIRD YEAR.

*First Term*—Natural Philosophy, French, Latin.

*Second Term*—Natural Philosophy, French, Latin, Civil Government.

*Third Term*—Ancient History, French, Latin.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

*First Term*—Modern History, French, Latin.

*Second Term*—Modern History, French, Latin.

*Third Term*—Chemistry, French, Latin.

## CLASSICAL COURSE.

### FIRST YEAR.

*First Term*—Algebra, Physical Geography, Latin Grammar and Reader.

*Second Term*—Algebra, Physical Geography, Latin Grammar and Reader.

*Third Term*—Algebra, Arithmetic, Latin Grammar and Reader.

### SECOND YEAR.

*First Term*—Geometry, Greek Grammar and Reader, Cæsar.

*Second Term*—Geometry, Greek Grammar and Reader, Cæsar.

*Third Term*—History, Anabasis, Cæsar.

### THIRD YEAR.

*First Term*—Virgil, Anabasis, Cicero.

*Second Term*—Virgil, Anabasis, Cicero.

*Third Term*—Virgil, Homer, Reviews.

Latin and Greek Prose Composition, Mythology.

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Compositions and Declamations during the entire course.

## LIST OF GRADUATES

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, JUNE 24, 1881.

Mary W. Shaw,	Julia Mansfield.	Willie P. Thompson.
Mary E. Mendall.	Lurabelle Harlow.	Alton E. Briggs.
Serena R. Coombs.	Lillie H. Thornton.	Mason L. Brown.
Edith I. Bartlett.	Cora A. Tripp.	Caleb T. Lovell.
Etta F. Mendall.	Nathan S. Washburn.	Charles E. Lovell.

The following are names of pupils who have not been absent or tardy one or more terms during the year:

The letters with the names are to designate the term or terms of attendance, S being for Spring term, F for Fall term, and W for Winter term.

Thirteen have not been absent or tardy during the entire year, viz.:

David W. Alden.	Thomas J. Alden.	Carrie M. Lovell.
Arthur Champlain.	Eben H. Shaw.	Mary H. Swift.
William H. McMann.	Joseph W. Ryder.	Mabel P. Richmond.
Lennie H. Baker.	Herbert A. Blake.	Lizzie W. Slocum.
	Harry S. Pratt.	

Only five attained this distinction during the previous year.

Bertha Champlain was present every day, but tardy once.

SCHOOL NO. 1.	John S. Benson, F.	Henry Downing, S. W.
Nannie B. Soule, S.	Harry O. LeBaron, F.	Lillian B. Coombs, S.
NO. 2	NO. 11.	Octavia Shockley, S.
Truman Savery, W.	Bartlett T. Maxim, W.	Etta M. Warren, S. F.
NO. 3.	NO. 12.	Edward G. Perkins, F.
Lizzie Pratt, S. F.	Katie W. Ryder, F. W.	Lewis Ritter, F.
Jesse Morse, S. W.	L. B. Shurtleff, F. W.	Henry Soule, F. W.
Rena Pratt, F.	Howard F. Ryder, W.	W. M. Boehme, F. W.
Jennie Morse, W.	NO. 13.	Abbie B. Bosworth, F.
Annie Denham, S. F.	Alton B. Atwood, S.	Carrie A. Bryant, F.
NO. 4.	H. A. Ryder, S. F.	Katie E. Dorrigan, F.
Rhoda Waterman, S.	Lulie W. Thomas, S.	Lillian Hathaway, F.
George Wilbur, S.	Mary Doherty, F.	Clara Pettee, F. W.
Lorenzo Wood, S.	Bessie F. Merrihew, F.	M. M. Sherman, F. W.
Susie Ritter, W.	Bertha L. Simmons, F.	Ida B. Shaw, F.
NO. 6.	NO. 14.	Alice K. Thompson, F.
Edith M. Coffin, S.	Annie Thompson, F.	Carrie M. Wright, F. W.
Arthur R. Coffin, S. F.	Clarence Thomas, W.	Lillie M. Wilbur, F. W.
Florence Deane, F.	Willie Smith, W.	Mabel J. Alden, F.
Leslie Thompson, W.	NO. 16.	Walter L. Beals, W.
NO. 8.	Charles A. Blake, W.	Cleaveland Grant, W.
Granville E. Tillson, F.	Willie Wood, W.	Jas. J. McCarty, W.
NO. 10.	NO. 18. (Grammar.)	Frank Tucker, W.
Louis C. LeBaron, S.	James Dorrigan, S. F.	Amelia Rosenfield, W.

Nellie M. Shaw, W.	Carrie W. Eaton, F.	Jessie E White, W.
NO. 18.	K. Rosenfield, W.	Hattie A. Murdock, W.
(Intermediate.)	Martha Gibbs, W.	Minnie A. White, W.
Fannie Haskell, S. F.	Nellie Atwood, W.	Geo. A. Cushman, W.
Herbert S. Sylvester, S.	Wendall Case, W.	Elmer N. Gunnell, W.
Percy R. Harlow, S.	NO. 18.	NO. 20.
Arthur Monroe, S. W.	(Primary.)	F. T. Macomber, S. W.
Charles F. Fuller, S.	Mamie Wilbur, F. W.	Harry W. Stubbs, S. W.
Carrie E. Alden, F. W.	Hattie Sylvester, F.	Ray Richmond, S. W.
Willie P. Fitts, F.	Lizzie Drake, F.	Albert Alden, F. W.
Guy B. Fitts, F.	Freddie Savage, F.	Eddie Richmond, F.
John L. Sheehan, S. F.	Elmer Harlow, W.	Flora M. Clark, W.
John O. Hicks, F.	John Rogers, W.	Mabel W. Gibbs, W.
Albert H. Taylor, F.	Freddie Foye, W.	Preston G. Clark, W.
Bertie Southworth, F.	Bertie McMann, S.	A. B. Tinkham, W.
Minnie W. Smith, W.	Carrie Champlain, S.	NO. 21.
Lillie M. Monroe, W.	Gussie Thomas, F.	Josie H. Pratt, S.
Myra Cushing, W.	Robbie Pike, W.	Alice M. Alden, F.
Fred F. Chubbuck, W.	Thomas Belmont, W.	Myra K. Leonard, F.
Herman Rich, W.	NO. 19.	NO. 22.
Walter E. Tripp, S. W.	Susie M. White, F.	Herbert Hackett, F.
Willie C. Rogers, W.	Abbie G. Eaton, F. W.	Albert Hackett, F.
Willie Chapman, W.	Emma A. Eaton, W.	Lyman Osborne, F.
Annie Curley, S.	Sadie O. Morse, W.	Fred J. Norris, W.
Julia Harrington, S.	Nettie A. Murdoch, W.	

## TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Lillie H. Thornton,	\$21.75	Albert Deane,	15.20
Carrie M. Bennett,	6.50	Walter McCrillis,	4.87
Mary E. Deane,	15.20	Morill S. Ryder,	10.97
Rose M. Eastman,	27.55	Mary L. Osborne,	6.00
Winnie D. Sherman,	7.80	Irene L. Soule,	10.00
Caleb T. Lovell,	6.50	Jennie Bennett,	3.00
Meritt E. Waters,	7.60	Jennie Dunham,	5.07
George H. Smith,	22.30	Alton B. Atwood,	5.07
Charles A. Shaw,	10.45	Harry S. Rogers,	5.07
John M. Deane,	8.55		
			<hr/> \$199.45
Transportation from No. 15 to No. 6,			9.00
			<hr/> \$208.45

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

James M. Coombs, printing, 1880,	\$16.50
John Shaw, sundries,	18.04
J. L. Hammett, crayons and erasers,	14.80
N. Y. & B. Despatch Express Co.,	1.20
W. H. Southworth, car fare, postage and stationery,	4.50
C. L. Hathaway, writing diplomas,	4.00
H. L. Thatcher, printing,	6.00
Edward Hoxie, repairs, High school,	15.07
Milton Alden, selling school-house No. 15,	3.00
Warren Wood, painting and repairs, No. 4,	72.73
Warren Wood, repairs, No. 19,	1.97
H. A. Sparrow, paint and paper, Nos. 18, 20, 21 and 22,	96.65
Alvin Pease, stock and labor, No. 4,	31.00
J. & G. E. Doane, hardware bill for '80,	46.96



Pierce & Page, repairs, No. 14,	1.75
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber, No. 4,	16.30
“ “ “ No. 20,	21.00
J. W. P. Jenks, mortar,	10.50
Warner Alden, plastering Nos. 4, 20,	
21 and 22,	78.35
Wm. E. White, stock and labor, No.	
20,	14.18
C. H. Thomas, carting, No. 4,	16.22
J. M. Coombs, printing,	7.25
N. E. School Furnishing Co., ink,	5.40
I. E. Macomber, grading, No. 20,	4.50
Ginn, Heath & Co., maps and globes,	33.65
H. N. Pratt, hardware, No. 20,	2.32
J. H. Willoughby, school furnishings,	1.60
John Shaw, sundries,	29.70
Shaw & Childs, books,	1.84
George Soule, chairs and curtains,	11.40
J. & G. E. Doane, hardware,	63.56
James M. Sampson, stock and labor,	
No. 18,	11.45
A. L. Thomas, repairs, No. 8,	3.00
J. H. Thomas, labor, No. 8,	1.50
N. H. Ryder, lumber, No. 12,	4.00
H. C. Allen, labor, No. 13,	1.25
L. P. Thomas, stock and labor, No. 11,	2.00
F. B. Gibbs, Sundries,	3.18
C. M. Wilbur, labor, No. 12,	1.75
G. F. Sisson, stock and labor, No. 16,	2.00
Charles Sherman, labor,	1.00
C. W. Maxim, stock and labor, No. 2,	2.91
J. W. Briggs, grading, No. 2,	20.14
Nelson Thomas, hook, No. 3,	2.20

Jas. P. Sparrow, repairs, Nos. 3 and 14,	9.02	
J. A. Burgess, labor, No. 4,	1.50	
E. I. Holbrook, bell, No. 22,	.50	
J. C. Reed, labor, " "	.50	
	<u>\$717.84</u>	
Paid rent to Peirce Academy,	130.00	
Total incidental expense,		\$1,056.29
Amount appropriated for incidental expenses,	\$1,000.00	
Received from sale of school-house No. 15,	31.00	
Unexpended last year,	1.95	
Total appropriation,		<u>\$1,032.95</u>
Deficiency,		\$23.34

EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL AND CARE OF  
SCHOOL-HOUSES.

School No. 1,	\$261.25	School No. 14,	\$289.62
" 2,	278.25	" 16,	271.19
" 3,	302.68	" 17,	267.12
" 4,	308.50	" 18,	3,018.79
" 6,	287.00	" 19,	296.62
" 8,	289.00	" 20,	294.52
" 10,	280.75	" 21,	293.25
" 11,	249.00	" 22,	270.00
" 12,	270.30	High School,	1,552.25
" 13,	282.75		<u>\$9,362.84</u>
Town appropriation,		\$9,000.00	
Received from State fund,		238.38	
" for tuition, High and Grammar schools,		156.66	
" from Rochester,		44.50	
Unexpended last year,		27.00	
Total appropriation,			<u>\$9,466.54</u>
Total expenditure,			<u>9,362.84</u>
Balance unexpended,			\$103.70

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

We have omitted the column giving the length of term, as nearly all the schools have been kept for 36 weeks during the school year.

Number of School.	Term.	Teachers.	Whole No. attending.	Average Attendance	Wages per Month.	Cost of Fuel.	Cost of Janitor and care of House.	No. times visited by Parents.
1	1	Alice H. Cornish.	9	8	\$28.00			3
	2	"	11	8	"			0
	3	Carrie E. Hathaway.	13	10	"	\$3.75	\$5.50	0
2	1	Emma F. Darling.	25	18	\$30.00			5
	2	Harriet F. Hart.	20	15	"			0
	3	"	22	15	"	\$5.25	\$3.00	0
3	1	Mary F. Hagen.	39	28	\$32.00			5
	2	"	39	34	"			2
	3	Edith F. Holbrook.	34	25	\$30.00	\$15.68	\$5.00	2
4	1	Charles E. Lashures.	47	30	\$32.00			2
	2	"	40	27	"			0
	3	Edwin H. Holmes.	36	30	"	\$17.25	\$3.25	0
6	1	Annie E. Leach	20	16	\$30.00			6
	2	Gertrude Blackmar.	20	15	"			6
	3	"	19	15	"	\$14.00	\$3.00	1
8	1	Abbie A. Mills.	26	18	\$30.00			6*
	2	"	28	15	"			
	3	"	28	18	"	\$13.50	\$5.50	
10	1	E. Addie Ward.	33	23	\$30.00			3*
	2	"	33	24	"			
	3	"	30	23	"	\$7.75	\$3.00	
11	1	Millie A. Rhodehouse.	14	12	\$28.00			8*
	2	Frances B. Winslow.	14	12	"			
	3	Lyman P. Thomas.	13	11	"	\$8.00	\$3.00	
12	1	Lettie A. Harrington.	16	12	\$30.00			14*
	2	Frances I. Leach.	23	17	28.00			
	3	Frances B. Winslow.	21	15	"	\$10.80	\$3.00	
13	1	Mattie A. Cushman.	37	28	\$30.00			6*
	2	Josie G. Arnold.	30	27	"			
	3	"	34	27	"	\$9.75	\$3.00	
14	1	Hattie N. Parker.	29	18	\$30.00			2
	2	"	31	25	"			1
	3	"	25	20	"	\$14.62	\$5.00	1
16	1	Maria F. Eddy.	17	12	\$28.00			1*
	2	"	19	16	"			
	3	"	19	15	"	\$16.19	\$3.00	
17	1	Reuben A. Gibbs.	14	11	\$28.00			4*
	2	"	17	11	"			
	3	"	20	15	"	\$12.12	\$3.00	

18	1	Austin Turner.	63	55	\$50.00	130.79	225.00	4
	2	"	89	85	66.66			7
	3	"	78	73	"	Eight	Eight	15*
Gram.	1	Fannie W. Richards,			26.00	rooms.	rooms.	
	2 & 3	"			30.00			
Inter.	1	Annie A. Lovell.	70	59	\$36.00			14
	2	"	71	65	"			4
	3	"	71	62	"			8
	1 & 2	Emma W. Osborne.			26.00			-
	3	Nellie F. Southworth,			"			
		"						
Inter.	1	Lucia A. Drake.	48	40	\$36.00			18
	2	"	49	43	"			10
	3	"	47	40	"			17
Higher Prim.	1	Cora F. Ellis.	60	49	\$36.00			†
	2	"	52	45	"			
	3	"	54	46	"			
Prim.	1	Fannie M. Parks.	73	53	\$32.00			†
	2	Annie C. Hart.	54	44	\$36.00			
	3	"	54	38	"			
Prim.	1	Abbie A. Gurney.	56	48	\$36.00			†
	2	"	42	35	"			
	3	"	39	33	"			
19	1	Nellie F. Southworth.	25	17	\$30.00			3
	2	"	28	18	"			3
	3	Edith I. Bartlett.	26	23	"	\$23.62	\$3.00	12
20	1	Cordie E. Pratt.	21	19	\$30.00			49*
	2	"	22	20	"			
	3	"	22	20	"	\$20.25	\$4.77	
21	1	Irene E. Hathaway.	13	11	\$30.00			8
	2	"	16	14	"			7
	3	Annie E. Leach.	14	10	"	\$20.25	\$3.00	10
22	1	Edith F. Holbrook.	14	11	\$28.00			8
	2	"	16	12	"			10
	3	Alice H. Cornish.	13	8	"	\$14.25	\$3.75	6
High.	1	James H. Willoughby.	56	52	115.80			
	2	"	56	54	"		\$2.25	
	3	"	49	45	"			
		Philena N. Folger, Asst.			\$47.36			

\*Three terms. †Many visitors, but no record kept.

WARREN H. SOUTHWORTH,	} School Committee.
NATHAN T. DYER,	
JAMES F. SHURTLEFF,	



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
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MIDDLEBORO'  
FOR THE YEAR 1882.



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1883.





# Report of the Selectmen & Assessors

*For the Year ending Feb. 1, 1883.*

Voted by the Town for support of		
schools,	\$9,000.00	
For incidental school expenses,	1,000.00	
For supplementary reading		
books for schools,	100.00	
For support of poor,	4,500.00	
For support of insane,	1,000.00	
For repairs of highways,	5,000.00	
For new roads and special re-		
pairs,	1,500.00	
For clearing highway of snow,	2,000.00	
For sidewalks,	700.00	
For concreting sidewalk,	300.00	
For sprinkling streets,	150.00	
For night watch,	300.00	
For town officers and inciden-		
tal expenses,	2,100.00	
For payment on town house,	5,000.00	
For interest on debt,	1,100.00	
For military aid,	600.00	
For Post 8, G. A. R. for deco-		
ration day,	100.00	
For suppression of crime,	200.00	
For unappropriated,	100.00	\$34,750.00
Less corporation and bank tax (exterminated,)	5,200.00	
Total amount voted,		\$29,550.00
State tax,	\$2.880.00	
County tax,	2,850.86	
Overlaying,	952.88	6,683.74
Total,		\$36,233.74

## HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

## NORTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Worked before June 15,	After,	Total.
No. 1,	James L. Jenney,	\$687.27	\$291.14	\$978.41
" 2,	L. E. Thomas,	400.05	264.79	664.84
" 3,	J. G. Vaughan,	340.59	20.25	360.84
" 4,	Edwin Holmes,	131.83	54.55	186.38
" 5,	Jared F. Alden,	63.16	54.30	117.46
" 6,	Elbridge G. Shaw,	5.20	52.91	58.11
" 7,	Joseph A. Shaw,	57.70	26.70	84.40
" 8,	A. R. Dunham, (1881,)			4.32
" 8,	Joseph W. Robbins,	119.24	36.62	155.86
		<u>\$1,805.04</u>	<u>\$801.26</u>	<u>\$2,610.62</u>

## EAST SECTION.

District.	Surveyor,	Worked before June 15,	After.	Total.
No. 1,	E. A. Shaw,	\$ 40.75	\$ 29.83	\$ 70.58
" 2,	J. W. Briggs,	67.88	27.68	95.56
" 3,	J. M. Eddy,	115.22	9.97	125.19
" 4,	Andrew Freeman,	49.55	20.45	70.00
" 5,	E. E. Freeman,	45.00	36.43	81.43
" 6,	R. F. Thompson,	43.12	64.50	107.62
" 7,	H. A. Thompson,	68.97	68.72	137.69
" 8,	Arad Covington,	59.92	14.62	74.54
" 9,	E. Morse,	69.85	23.44	93.29
" 10,	S. W. Bump,	101.55	17.70	119.25
" 11,	Aaron Berry,	61.50	36.40	97.90
		<u>\$723.31</u>	<u>\$349.74</u>	<u>\$1073.05</u>

## SOUTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Worked before June 15,	After.	Total.
No. 1,	D. E. Baker,	\$116.19	\$ 32.97	\$149.16
" 2,	S. T. Weston,	35.00	65.00	100.00
" 3,	S. D. Wilbur,	157.21	43.12	200.33
" 4,	H. K. Maxim,	112.46	25.48	137.94

No. 5, E. N. Barrows,	103.00	27.00	130.00
" 6, E. G. Smith,	116.05	35.60	151.65
" 7, Abner Wood,	114.60	58.85	173.45
" 8, Nelson Thomas,	113.60	41.50	155.10
" 9, Geo. S. Clark,	91.55	2.50	94.05
" 10, H. F. Wood,	50.71	73.22	123.93
" 11, J. H. Thomas,	75.38	20.00	95.38
" 12, Arad Thomas,	110.46	39.48	149.94
	<u>\$1196.21</u>	<u>\$464.72</u>	<u>\$1660.93</u>
Total expended for repairs,			\$5,344.60

## NEW ROADS AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

### NORTH SECTION.

Paid Jas. L. Jenney on Main, Peirce and Centre streets,	\$280.07	
L. F. Tinkham, building Bar- rows Street.	225.00	
Heirs of Thomas Barrows, for gravel on Barrows st.,	64.35	
R. F. Barrows for gravel on Bar- rows street,	47.70	
L. E. Thomas on Centre, West, High and Pearl Streets,	260.99	
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber for Wat- erman Hill bridge,	46.55	
J. G. Vaughan, on North street,	69.99	
Edwin Holmes,	44.47	
Jared F. Alden,	40.00	
Town of Bridgewater $\frac{1}{2}$ of expense repairing Titicut bridge,	43.48	\$1122.60

### EAST SECTION.

Paid Ira Bryant, on Plymouth street,	334.48
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Paid S. W. Bump, on Nemasket hill and Plymouth street,	135.27	
R. F. Thompson, on Plymouth st.,	63.30	\$533.05

## SOUTH SECTION.

Paid Jos. DeMoranville, on Long Point street,	\$173.00	
S. A. Sherman, gravel for Long Point street,	10.00	
Frank P. Morton, railing for Long Point street,	60.00	
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber for Vaughan's bridge,	8.82	
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber for Fall Brook bridge,	13.09	
S. T. Weston, repairs on France street,	16.47	
Zebulon Clark, railing for bridge on Neck street,	14.46	\$295.84
Total,		<u>\$1951.49</u>

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid James L. Jenney,	\$220.29	
Lovell E. Thomas,	119.60	
John G. Vaughan,	83.15	
Edwin Holmes,	37.50	
Jared F. Alden,	23.60	
Isaac E. Macomber,	11.40	
Arad Dunham,	29.00	
Joseph W. Robbins,	12.90	537.44

Paid Eben A. Shaw,	51.95	
James W. Briggs,	92.60	
John M. Eddy,	44.50	
Andrew Freeman,	70.30	
H. A. Simmons,	47.53	
R. F. Thompson,	22.40	
I. H. Thompson,	34.80	
Arad Covington,	9.00	
Ezra Morse,	15.00	
James Snow,	26.27	
Samuel Cushman,	18.70	433.05
W. T. Jefferson,	22.10	
Henry Hobill,	40.20	
Stillman Benson,	24.00	
Geo. R. Eastman,	40.70	
E. N. Barrows,	67.10	
H. N. Thomas,	69.85	
Abner Wood,	120.86	
Nelson Thomas	79.15	
Geo. S. Clark,	69.75	
Horace F. Wood,	36.50	
Josiah H. Thomas,	49.25	
Arad Thomas,	47.70	667.16
Total,		\$1637.65

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles T. Thatcher, town clerk,		
treasurer and collector,	\$450.00	\$450.00
Joseph T. Wood, selectman and		
assessor,	200.00	
Albert T. Savery, selectman, and		
assessor,	137.50	
Nathaniel S. Cushing, selectman		
and assessor,	165.00	



Paid W. H. Southworth school com-		
mittee,	142.50	
J. F. Shurtleff, school committee,	101.87	
N. T. Dyer,                   “	50.00	796.87
C. B. Wood overseer of poor,	25.00	
A. C. Wood,                   “	95.00	
Milton Alden,               “	20.75	140.75
James Cole, constable,	49.00	
Milton Alden,           “	17.55	
L. M. Alden,           “	11.20	
L. M. Alden, truant officer,	18.25	
L. M. Alden, special police officer,	32.50	
S. Mendall,           “               “	17.00	
S. S. Lovell           “               “	16.00	
Geo. C. Richards,               “	2.00	
Wm. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up,	15.00	178.50
		<u>\$1560.02</u>

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid John Shaw, for stationery &c.,	\$14.98
“               for committee to set-	
tle with treasurer,	2.50
T. W. Pierce, drain pipe &c.,	27.83
T. W. Pierce, screen &c.,	24.13
I. F. Atwood, committee to settle	
with treasurer two years.	5.00
L. F. Tinkham, carting ashes &c.,	3.98
N. S. Cushing, running town	
line (1875),	4.50
H. H. Sylvester, printing and ad-	
vertising,	45.95
Wm. B. Wood, measuring land,	2.00
N. D. Wilbur, iron for railing.	3.47
B. Folger, damage to sleigh,	1.50

Paid Jas. M. Coombs, printing town report,	41.44	
Jas. M. Coombs, printing and ad- vertising,	101.00	
H. G. O. White, repairing pump at Titicut,	2.50	
J. T. Wood, freight on road machine,	8.95	
E. Robinson, legal services before county commissioners in 1874,	10.00	
E. Robinson, committee on Water- ville school house in 1877,	2.00	
E. Robinson, legal services in case of Sally R. Sears <i>vs.</i> town in 1878 & '79,	58.25	
E. Robinson, in case of Emma Curtis <i>vs.</i> town in 1878.	5.00	
George Soule, for mattress 1880,	3.50	
Lorenzo Tinkham, for ballot box,	1.55	
H. L. Thatcher, printing blanks,	12.00	
W. E. Johnson, road machine,	150.00	
J. & G. E. Doane, road rake &c.,	1.10	
Geo. A. King, leveling Barrows St.,	7.00	
Geo. T. Ryder & Co., drapery for Town Hall at Garfield's fun- eral services.	10.00	
Mrs. Adney Jackson, for gravel,	16.00	
Grover Bennett, " "	4.65	
Mrs. Clarisa W. Pratt, " "	4.00	
Lewis Eaton, " "	9.75	
J. G. Sparrow, for guide boards,	19.00	\$603.53

## SIDEWALKS.

Paid James L. Jenney,	\$162.50	
L. E. Thomas,	315.59	
J. G. Vaughan,	25.75	
Edwin Holway,	25.20	
Jared F. Alden,	40.30	\$569.34

Paid Shiverick & Thomas for concreting side-walks, (one half of cost.)	202.50	202.50
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The other half has been paid on the  
property of the following abutting  
owners, viz :

J. Herbert Cushing, (on Centre street)	16.98	
E. N. Osborne,                   "   "	8.82	
J. L. Perkins,                   "   "	8.82	
Elijah Briggs,                   "   "	15.75	
Leonard & Barrows,           "   "	27.55	
Otis Briggs,                   "   "	31.40	
Jas. H. Weston,               "   "	16.67	
Mrs. A. M. Eaton,           "   "	16.42	
Thomas W. Pierce,           "   "	8.80	
Geo T. Ryder,               "   "	22.47	
Mrs. Wm. S. Pierce,       "   "	7.20	
J. G. Sparrow,               "   "	7.20	
Enoch Tinkham,           "   "	12 50	
Carpenter & Murdock, (on Main st.)	1.92	
	<u>\$202.50</u>	

Paid Shiverick & Thomas, for con- creting 12 crossings,	\$271.33
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### SPRINKLING STREETS.

John B. Carver,	150.00
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### NIGHT WATCH.

Paid B. F. Tripp, bal. of appropriation for 1881,	50.00	50.00
Alexander Baker, for watching from April 1st, 1882. to Jan. 1st, 1883,	548.00	
Received, contributed by citizens,	248.00	300.00

# BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid Dr. A. B. Paun, attendance and medicine for Geo. E. Hack- ett's family,	\$106.00
James A. Burgess, time and labor self and horse 7 days,	18.00
James A. Burgess, cash paid for provisions and watchers,	27.00
Chas. S. Keen, 13 days and 7 nights service and watching,	40.00
P. H. Peirce & Co., bill for goods,	8.53
H. A. Sparrow, bill for paint,	7.05
Geo. Soule, burial expenses &c.,	22.25
Foster A. Harlow, for provisions,	2.89
M. H. Cushing, for provisions,	6.04
	<hr/> \$237.76

Paid Dr. A. B. Paun, for attendance and medicine for Benj. Haley's family,	55.00
Geo. Soule, for three burials,	53.75
Jas. A. Burgess, time and care,	13.00
M. H. Cushing, for goods,	5.51
F. A. Harlow, for provisions	2.26
W. S. Andrews, for goods,	1.80
Sparrow Brothers, for goods,	5.65
Geo. T. Ryder & Co., for goods,	1.50
A. C. Wood, for wood,	2.50
	<hr/> \$138.97

Paid W. H. Haskell, vet. surgeon for ex- amining horse with glanders,	7.00
Dr. A. B. Paun, for examining horse with glanders,	3.00
Milton Alden and others appraising,	6.00
Jas. A. Burgess, time and expenses investigating, killing and burying,	10.00

Paid Jas. A. Burgess, time and material re- pairing dam at Nemasket, taken down to find child drowned below Star Mills,	6.67	
Louis Ritter, for the same,	3.00	
E. Robinson, for legal services in the Croucher case, Soule <i>vs.</i> town 1880,	10.00	
J. G. Vaughan, for labor and ma- terial fixing entrances to sewer on Water street,	116.02	\$161.69
		<hr/> \$538.42

### MILITARY AID.

Military aid furnished the following persons, for the  
past year ending February 1, 1883:

Emerson P. Morse,	\$116.00
Alfred O. Standish,	96.00
Martin F. Jefferson,	88.00
Frederick R. Raymond,	64.00
Stephen C. Ryder,	72.00
William C. Ashley,	96.00
Allen Cobb,	40.00
Perley Haven,	30.00
Benj. F. Lane,	48.00
Bernard Glancy,	102.00
Abiel Gibbs,	48.00
Fred Werner,	30.00
John E. Mann,	32.00
Ephraim A. Hunt,	60.00
Orren Hicks,	110.00
Levi Norveill,	32.00
H. H. P. Lovell,	36.00
James W. Briggs,	4.00
	<hr/> \$1104.00

## PROSECUTION OF CRIME.

Paid Geo. C. Richards, for 31 days			
and 3 hours time,	\$93.90		
for cash paid for team and car			
fare,	\$26.26		
Less discount,	5.16	21.10	\$115.00
J. C. Sullivan, for legal services viz :			
on Roberts case,	\$5.00		
on Briggs, case,	5.00		
for preparing and trying			
Maxim's case,	15.00		
for preparing and trying			
Cushman's case,	10.00		
for preparing and trying			
Cushman's case 3½ days,	35.00		
for trying Miller's case,	10.00		
for services and expenses on			
Maxim and Cushman cases,			
at Oct. term at Plymouth,	12.50		
advice at different times,	5.00		
	97.50		
Paid by individuals	12.50	85.00	
Total paid from Town Treasury,			\$200.00

There have been ten complaints against different persons, for selling intoxicating liquors the past year. Seven pleaded guilty and paid their fines and costs ; three stood trial and were convicted ; two appealed to Plymouth but settled without further trial. There have been five different seizures of liquors and in each case forfeited.

The fines and costs have amounted to about \$675.00



## RECAPITULATION.

Paid for repairs of highway,	\$5344.60	
New roads and special repairs,	1951.49	
Snow bills,	1637.65	
Town officers,	1560.02	
Incidental expenses,	603.53	
Sidewalks,	569.34	
Concreting sidewalks,	202.50	
Concreting street crossings,	271.33	
Sprinkling streets,	150.00	
Night Watch,	350.00	
Prosecution of crime,	200.00	
Military aid,	\$1104.00	
one half paid by the state,	552.00	
Board of health,	538.42	\$13,930.88

## FISH ACCOUNT.

Cash received of Randall Hathaway for the right to take fish,	\$220.00	
Received of towns on Taunton river, to pay for inspection at East Taunton,	130.00	\$350.00
Paid Jas. A. Burgess, fish warden at East Taunton,	\$130.00	
Jas. A. Burgess, time and ex- pense to Boston, before com- mittee on fishing,	7.00	
L. M. Alden, fish warden,	49.75	
Wm. B. Wood, fish warden 1881,	2.00	
J. T. Wood,     "     "	8.85	
N. S. Cushing,     "     "	4.00	
John Driscoll,     "     "	10.00	
J. K. & B. Sears, for lumber &c.,	4.15	

Paid E. Robinson, for service before committee on fisheries in 1875,	12.25	
E. Sproat's est., rent of land for fish house,	3.00	231.00
To divide with the town of Lakeville,		119.00
Middleboro's proportion,	101.00	
Lakeville's            "	18.00	119.00
No. of fish taken in 1882.	50.100	

## REPORT OF THE TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE,

*From Feb. 1, 1882, to Feb. 1, 1883.*

Paid E. Hoxie repairing settees, chairs, wheel- barrow, doors, &c.,	\$ 9.50
Mr. Horr, work on steam pipes &c.,	6.58
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber for fence,	26.74
Edson Ellis, work on fence,	16.00
J. & G. E. Doane, hardware for fence,	5.62
"          " bill for supplies and repairs to conductors,	43.52
J. T. Washburn, work on furnace &c.,	2.50
W. B. Wood, for services as janitor one year,	468.00
Sundry small bills,	7.08

Orders drawn on town treasurer as follows:

N. D. Wilber, gas bills and repairs to gas pipes and fixtures,	379.85
J. B. LeBaron, coal bill,	218.95
J. A. Thomas, ashes for town house lot,	9.25
	<u>\$1193.59</u>
By cash received for rent of hall and rooms,	692.00
Leaving a balance due over the income,	<u>\$501.59</u>

## ESTIMATE FOR A TAX FOR 1883.

For repairs of roads and bridges,	\$5,000	
New road and special repairs,	2,000	
Support of schools,	9,000	
Incidental school expenses,	1,000	
Support of poor,	4,500	
Support of insane,	1,000	
Town officers and incidental expense,	2,500	
Payment on Town debt,	5,000	
Interest on " "	600	
Sidewalks,	700	
Clearing highways of snow	500	
Military aid,	600	
Memorial day,	100	
Night watch,	300	
Sprinkling streets,	150	
Prosecution of crime,	200	\$33,150
Less corporation and bank tax,		4,400
		<u>\$28,750</u>

## ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

## NORTH SECTION.

Polls.	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total,
916	\$360,700	\$1,471,880	\$1,832,580

## EAST SECTION.

225	\$40,580	\$311,560	352,140
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## SOUTH SECTION.

358	<u>\$60,545</u>	<u>\$413,590</u>	<u>474,135</u>
	\$461,825	\$2,197,030	\$2,658,855

No. of Horses. No. of Cows, No. of Sheep, No. Houses, No. of Acres.

N. Section,	344	251	4	627	9299
E. Section,	149	231	20	214 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,0688
S. Section,	225	380	245	271	1,8200
Total,	<u>718</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>1108<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	<u>38,187</u>
Population June 1st. 1880,					5,237

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

A considerable sum has been expended under this head the past year. Malignant Diphtheria has been reported to us in two families, as requiring the immediate attention of the Board. In the first, Geo. E. Hackett's, two children died and several other members of the family were sick. In the other, Benj. Haley's family, the mother and two children died; but by careful isolation, and thorough cleaning of the houses and premises, the disease was confined to these two families.

The expense incurred in these two families, we expect will be mostly, if not wholly repaid to the town. The other principal item of expense, Mr. Vaughan's bill, was on account of the sewer on Water street. When the sewer was built in 1872, no provision was made to prevent the escape of gas from the entrances, and for the last two or three years, (on account of the very dry seasons) this has been a serious evil. All of the entrances to the sewer (with one or two exceptions) have been so secured, as to prevent any further trouble from this source.

In connection with the health of the place, we would call the attention of the town to the subject of

## DRAINAGE.

It seems to us that the time has come, when at least preliminary action should be taken in relation to this matter; and would recommend that a committee be appointed to consider the subject, and report at a future meeting, some plan for the town to adopt. But the matter of the drainage of the surface water, from Centre, Union and Pearl streets, especially the large amount of water coming down into Main street, from Jas. H. Harlow's premises to Courtland street, should be attended to at once.

## FISH HOUSE.

At the last annual March meeting, it was "*Voted*, That the matter of building a fish house at the Star Mills, be referred to the Selectmen, and that they be authorized to build, if they think it for the interest of the town." Under the authority of the above vote, we proceeded to build, when we were told by the President of the Star Mills Co., that they denied the right of the town to place any building on their land, and forbade our doing so ; and the house has not been built.

Previous to 1833, the fish-weir was a short distance above the present one, on the easterly side of the river, where we are informed that the town had the use of about one half acre of land, and for many years there was a building upon it used by the parties taking fish.

In 1833 "Peirce & Wood", (the owners of the property now belonging to the Star Mills) petitioned the Legislature for authority to change their dam. At a meeting of the town called for the purpose, it was "*Voted*, That the town will not oppose the prayer of the petition of Messrs Peirce & Wood, now pending before the Legislature, provided that provisions be made in the act to be passed on said petition, that said petitioners and their successors, shall make and always maintain a sufficient passage-way for alewives to pass up around the said dam, at the suitable season of the year. Also a suitable and convenient place for taking alewives by the town or their agents."

In March 1833, in the act authorizing the change of the dam, are the following provisions, viz : "And upon the further condition, that the said Peter H. Peirce, Horatio G. Wood, and their heirs and assigns at their own expense, and free from any expense to said town, and to their acceptance, provide a suitable place at, or near their said dam, where said fish may be conveniently taken ; and the said fish-way, and the privilege of passing to and from the



same, to the highway, shall be secured to the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough."

The town and its agents have put up temporary buildings, and used others near the fish way; having had all that they wished; "and free from any expense to the town, and to their acceptance." Since the change of the dam, there has been no occasion to raise the question of the right of the town, until the present time. The question should now be settled.

## LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

FEB. 1st, 1883.

### LIABILITIES.

Due on notes,	\$12,825.00
Teachers for present term,	
estimated,	2,500.00
Town officers and committees,	
estimated,	300.00
Probable loss on taxes,	500.00 \$16,125.00

### RESOURCES.

Cash on hand,	\$ 8,152.00
Due on taxes now in Collector's hands,	4,854.00
Due from State for State aid,	1,788.00
Due from State for Military aid,	552.00
Due on account of bills paid by Board of Health,	376.00 \$15,722.00
Balance of liabilities,	<hr/> \$403.00

JOSEPH T. WOOD.  
ALBERT T. SAVERY.  
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING.

{ Selectmen  
    of  
Middleboro.

*Middleboro, Feb. 19th, 1883,*



## LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year :

William F. Atwood,	Nathaniel C. Perkins,
Harrison W. Atwood,	Jeremiah K. Pratt,
Emery F. Atwood,	Augustus Pratt,
Austin G. Atwood,	Isaac E. Perkins,
Jared F. Alden,	Horace N. Rider,
John S. Benson,	A. Herbert Pratt,
Elisha T. Benson,	Warren H. Southworth,
Ira Bryant,	Josiah C. Shaw,
Joshua R. Bishop,	Elbridge G. Shaw,
James W. Briggs,	Ebenezer A. Shaw,
Bradford D. W. Bartlett,	George L. Soule,
Nathaniel S. Cushing,	Augustus Soule,
Thomas C. Collins,	Albert T. Savery,
Abisha T. Clark Jr.,	Ebenezer Smith,
Orrin E. Deane,	Harry P. Sparrow,
Jeremiah Doane,	George R. Sampson,
Joshua M. Eddy,	Elnathan Sherman,
William C. Eddy,	Charles C. Tinkham,
George T. M. Gammons,	Leander A. Tinkham,
Francis B. Gibbs,	Ira M. Thomas,
Foster A. Harlow,	Charles W. Turner,
Eugene P. LeBaron,	Franklin S. Thompson,
Thomas J. LeBaron,	Philander W. Thompson,
Benjamin F. Leonard,	Will B. True,
Zebedee Leonard,	William B. Wood,
Joseph M. Leonard,	George E. Wood,
William O. LeBaron,	Albert J. Wood,
James L. Jenney,	Asaph Washburn,
John Q. Morton,	George W. Washburn,
Nathan B. Maxim,	Ellis Weston,
Alvin P. Vaughan,	James H. Weston,
Josiah H. Vaughan,	Kenelm Winslow,
John C. Vaughan,	Andrew M. Wood,
Fred C. Sparrow,	Warren Wood,
Andrew J. Pickens,	
James M. Pickens,	

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	}	Selectmen of Middleboro.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING,		

# Report of Town Treasurer,

ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1883.

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## DR.

Cash received as follows :

Cash on hand as per report of Feb. 1, 1882,	\$8,060.82
From C. B. Wood, former treasurer,	1,203.64
County treasurer, for dog money for 1881,	364.71
County treasurer, for dog money for 1882,	473.61
State treasurer, for corporation tax,	3,211.57
State treasurer, for bank tax,	1,178.87
State treasurer, for school fund,	238.66
State treasurer, for state aid,	2,269.09
Middleboro savings bank,	9,500.00
Overseers of the poor,	733.91
School committee, for tuition,	117.24
J. W. P. Jenks,	833.00
New England Trust Co., for interest,	132.33
B. F. Tripp, for watchman,	274.50
Randall Hathaway, for herrings,	220.00
John Garland, balance note,	100.00
G. H. Place, for license,	11.00
John C. Ashley, for license,	11.00
Show, for license,	1.00
Lewis Lincoln, use of sewer,	10.00
School committee for old school house No. 10 sold,	85.00

From Chas. F. Shaw, for stones bought at auc-	
tion in district No. 15,	3.00
Town house committee,	106.46
Town map sold,	.25
The following cities and towns on account	
of fish :	
Raynham \$20 ; Freetown \$10 ; Dighton \$20 ;	
Somerset \$20 ; Berkley \$20 ; Taunton \$30 ;	
Fall River \$10 ;	130.00
Collection of taxes,	35,007.84
	<u>\$64,277.50</u>

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Paid Selectmen and auditors, orders,	\$13,121.43
School committee, orders,	11,633.32
Overseers of poor, orders,	6,125.16
Town house committee, orders,	608.05
Board of health, orders,	382.67
Notes and interest,	14,515.44
State aid, chapter 301,	1,788.41
State aid, chapter 252,	1,104.00
L. M. Alden, for G. A. R.,	100.00
W. B. Wood, for sealer of weights	
and measures,	10.00
Nathan King, services as moderator,	10.00
Jos. E. Beals, for public library, dog li-	
censes for 1881,	364.71
Jos. E. Beals, public library, license money,	23.00
Smith & Co., for desk,	40.00
N. Y & B. D, Express Co.,	18.40
County treasurer, county tax,	2,850.86
State treasurer, state tax,	2,880.00
Treasurer and collector.	450.00

Paid Town clerk for receiving or obtaining, recording and indexing marriages, births and deaths in 1882,	60.65
Geo. Soule, for return of deaths in 1882,	19.75
Sundries,	19.57
Cash on hand,	8,152.08
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	\$64,277.50

C. T. THATCHER, Treasurer.

The undersigned, a committee chosen by the town to settle with their treasurer, hereby certify that they have attended to that duty, and find the accounts correct and properly vouched, for the year ending Feb. 1, 1883.

ICHABOD F. ATWOOD,  
ANDREW L. TINKHAM.

### REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

Taxes unpaid as per report of 1882,	\$2,824.08
Taxes committed in 1882,	36,233.74
Interest and summons received,	161.74
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	\$39,219.56

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Taxes unpaid for 1881.	\$ 948.96
Taxes unpaid for 1882,	2,801.11
Assessors' orders,	461.65
Cash paid town treasurer,	35,007.84
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	\$39,219.56

C. T. THATCHER, Collector.

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor,

For the Year ending Feb. 1, 1883.

Net amount of money drawn from the town treasury,		\$5,391.25
Received from other cities and towns,	598.91	
On account of pensions and State,	132.00	
For logs sold,	159.12	
For farm produce sold,	364.21	
Rent of land on account of Thos. J. Shaw's estate,	3.00	1,257.24
		<u>\$6,648.49</u>

Paid out as follows, viz :

For support of paupers in the Almshouse,	\$1,798.00
Out of Almshouse :	
Caroline M. Packard,	\$ 78.00
Louisa F. Smith,	76.50
David P. Shurtleff,	23.48
Lucy B. Tinkham,	148.50
Wybra Weeks,	44.00
George Haskins,	3.00
Mrs. John Maxim,	20.00
Mrs. Andrew B. Perry,	122.50
Mrs. James E. Richmond,	76.50
H. H. P. Lovell,	78.50
Mary Lawrence,	129.00
Mrs. Wilson Swift,	15.00
Sally C. Benson,	56.00

Ann S. Standish,	56.07
Rachel W. Thomas,	50.00
Lydia Marchant,	105.00
Emily F. Perkins,	148.50
George W. Brackett,	4.30
Mrs. Bradley Gay,	14.00
John L. Benton,	1.20
Mrs. Azel F. Eaton,	59.07
Mrs. Noah Murray,	130.00
Horace W. Thayer,	209.10
Mrs. Stillman B. Morse,	119.58
Ellen Weeks,	66.62
James H. Marvell,	90.00
Betsey C. Cobb,	51.00
Ephraim D. Butler,	156.00
Eunice D. Burt,	53.00
Kate Sullivan,	70.46
Lorenzo L. Sawyer,	11.00
Fred C. Bagnall,	26.50
Oliver Bagnell,	52.00
Pelham E. Gibbs,	35.07
Ephraim Bell.	10.25
Mrs. James Jordon,	4.09
Hiram Hatch,	96.00
Benjamin Bennett,	48.96
George Bennett,	1.14
Israel Wood,	17.60
Mrs. Hiram Bryant,	7.00
James F. Randall,	28.56
Emerson P. Morse,	12.00
John E. Croacher,	62.00
Rosalie A. Thyng,	51.00
Lydia Jones,	48.00
David Jones,	12.00
Lucy Young,	56.12



Sarah Reed,	25.55,	
Horatio Morse,	26.12	
Jane Wallen,	5.00	
Gilbert A. Lyon,	13.00	
Annie Hickey,	53.00	
Ellen Cole,	138.00	
George M. Raymond,	72.25	
Henrietta Standish,	13.00	\$3,180.09

In Taunton Lunatic Hospital :

Thomas J. Shaw,	189.93	
Patrick Murphy,	193.37	
Henry C. Keith,	188.41	

In Worcester Lunatic Hospital :

Lucy A. King,	178.75	
George Wallen	180.76	

In Northampton Lunatic Hospital :

Joanna O'Keefe,	179.45	\$1,110.67
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A. C. Wood, expenses out of town on account of paupers,	13.90	
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Dr. Hodgson, for professional services for one year, ending Feb. 1, 1883,	50.00	
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E. S. Lovell and wife, for one year's services, ending Feb. 1, 1883,	495.83	\$ 559.73
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\$6.648.49

Whole number in the Almshouse during the year,	72	
Transient,	43	
Remaining the whole time,	16	
Present number,	22	
No. of weeks for one person,	956	
Transient,	6	
Average number, about,	18½	

Average expense per week excluding salaries and int. on farm,	\$1.51
Average expense per week including salaries and int. on farm,	\$2.26
Amount of Real estate, Feb. 1, 1882, \$3,715.00	
Personal estate, " 1722.71	5,437.71
Real estate, Feb. 1, 1883, 3,715.00	
Personal estate, " 2,085.43	5,800.43
More than in 1882,	\$362.72

C. B. WOOD.	} Overseers of the Poor,
A. C. WOOD.	
SYLVANUS MENDALL.	

## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE Trustees of the Middleboro' Public Library.

A brief sketch of the detail work of giving out, exchanging and caring for the books of the Library, is given in the following

### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

*February 1, 1883.*

To the Trustees of the Middleboro' Public Library :

Gentlemen,—My eighth annual report is herewith respectfully submitted, showing the result of the Library work for the year ending Jan. 22nd, 1883.

The record of circulation shows 296 days open to the public, in which 19,185 volumes were delivered, averaging 65 per day ; the largest number loaned being 182, occurring on the 4th day of March.

At the date of the present report, the Library numbered 3470 volumes, and in view of the large circulation, I think I may say it was never in a better condition since the opening ; the worn books having been rebound, and those unfit for use, replaced by new ones, as far as they could be obtained. Those loaned have all been returned with the exception of 2 ; one of which, the borrower left town without returning, and the other was lost, but made good by the loser.

It may be interesting to know something of the details of Library work. The item of circulation alone for the year 1882-3, has involved the handling of nearly, or quite 40,000 volumes reckoning the delivery and return. The

labor of covering, labeling and numbering, has kept pace with the circulation and accessions, 2411 volumes having been through the process. The books have also required mending and repairing in various ways. Postals are sent to recover books over due; account is kept each day of the number and class of book given out; all of which requires time and labor. The cards out now number 2786. Amount collected from the sale of catalogues \$3.60; fines \$55.02.

N. J. BULLARD.

The number of books added to the Library during the year was 120; of which 42 were bound volumes of the Atlantic Monthly, added with no expense to the Library funds, except for binding. Number rebound during the year, 146. Worn-out volumes replaced by new ones, 12. No Supplementary Catalogue has been issued during the year, but one will probably be published the coming spring.

The Policy for the insurance of the books and furniture of the Library expired Jan. 29th, and the Trustees have caused the same to be re-insured for \$2650 (\$2500 on the books, and \$150 on furniture) through the agency of Mr. T. C. Collins, in the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company, at the rate of one and one-half per cent. for five years.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Town Treasurer, "dog money,"	
1881,	\$364.71
Received from Town Treasurer "other licenses," 1882,	23.00
Received from fines collected during the year,	55.02
Received from catalogues sold during the year,	3.60
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	\$446.33
Due Treasurer at last annual report,	\$ 38.44

Paid N. J. Bullard, services as librarian,	200.00	
J. R. Osgood & Co., for books,	22.50	
Estes & Lauriat, for books,	51.85	
John Shaw, for books,	39.73	
J. H. Willoughby, for books,	1.40	
Old Colony Book-Bindery, re-binding		
books, and binding Atlantic		
Monthlies,	43.20	
J. M. Coombs, supplementary cata-		
logue, 1881,	13.00	
For paper for covering books,	6.00	
For library cards, postal notices, labels,		
blanks, stationery, mucilage,		
ink, etc.,	25.97	
For freight, express, postage, etc.,	1.68	
For cleaning library room,	2.50	446.27
Balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1883,		\$0.06

It will be seen that the proceeds from the "dog licenses" were much less the past year (from the licenses issued in 1881) than in former years; and as the policy of the Trustees has been very decided to keep within the appropriation, fewer additions than usual have been made to the number of books.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees.

JOSEPH E. BEALS, Secretary and Treasurer.  
Middleboro, Feb. 1, 1883.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1882-3.

Term expires 1883.	Term expires 1884.	Term expires 1885.
Wm. H. Wood,	Wm. R. Peirce, Pres't.,	George Brayton,
E. Robinson,	A. L. Westgate,	Jas. M. Coombs,
E. S. Hathaway.	W. H. Southworth.	Jos. E. Beals.



# Report of the Town Clerk.

## MARRIAGES

*Registered in Middleboro in 1882.*

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 11	Winslow T. Maxim,	Middleboro,	Clara J. Pinkham,	Middleboro.
19	Henry S. Drake,	Westboro,	Mary C. Tribou,	"
24	Charles W. Murray,	Middleboro,	Mrs. C. F. Maxim,	"
Feb. 12	Lemont W. Skinner,	"	Myra E. Record,	"
19	John F. Wilkinson,	Worcester,	Ida F. Baker,	Foxboro.
25	Andrew E. Raymond,	Carver,	Annie W. Perkins,	Carver.
27	Benjamin F. Colby,	Salem,	Mrs. Flora H. Allen,	Salem.
Mar. 5	James Jordon,	Middleboro,	Ellen Driscoll,	Middleboro.
6	Chas. H. Waterman,	Brockton,	Nellie M. Cushman,	"
12	Frederic Landau,	Middleboro,	Anna M. Ritter,	"
26	Chas. E. Johnson,	"	Jessie M. Baker,	"
Apr. 18	Samuel D. Raymond,	"	Mrs. Lavinia Raymond	"
30	Arthur F. Sherman,	"	Mabel Snow,	"
May. 10	Frank L. Wallen,	"	Mary A. Harlow,	"
11	Alexander Eaton,	"	Lizzie F. Alden,	"
25	Cornelius Harrington,	"	Matilda E. Boehme,	"
29	John Murphy,	"	Bridget Lane,	"
June. 4	A. Ellis B. Leach,	"	Mary E. Johnson,	"
14	William A. Bates,	"	Isadore A. Chapman,	"
14	Chas. L. Glass,	Campello,	Ada F. Wilbur,	"
July. 2	Henry W. Benton,	Halifax,	Hattie L. Cobb,	Halifax.
6	Allerton C. Bennett,	N. Rochester,	H. Maria Shaw,	N. Middleboro.
23	Joseph W. Cobb,	Middleboro,	Sarah L. Chitman,	Middleboro.
Aug. 15	William A. Thompson,	Abington,	Emma L. Standish,	Abington.
19	Hiram Elmes,	Lakeville,	Mrs. E. J. Hamilton,	Middleboro.
Sept. 23	Lewis W. Shaw,	Middleboro,	Edith M. Bonney,	"
23	Lewis W. Howard,	"	Mary L. Perkins,	"
27	William H. Goodwin,	"	Lizzie J. P. Lovell,	"
30	William H. Davis,	Wareham,	Rose E. Harding,	Wareham.
Oct. 6	William S. Weston,	Middleboro,	Ella K. Fuller,	Cambridgeport.
23	Corrydon H. Leach,	"	Julia F. Pratt,	Middleboro.
28	William W. Atwood,	"	Mrs. Dora A. Francis,	"
31	Charles L. Spring,	Hingham,	Lydia S. Soule,	Hingham.
Nov. 6	David M. Bates,	Carver,	Mrs. M. A. Cornish,	Carver.
13	Lloyd Perkins and,	Middleboro,	Elizabeth C. Turner,	Middleboro.
13	Josiah F. Penniman,	"	Lucy E. Burgess,	Sandwich.
13	Joseph E. Bishop,	Rochester,	Mrs. Julia A. Dunham,	Middleboro.
23	Arlon R. Dustin,	Middleboro,	Mary E. Bisbee,	"
23	Thomas C. Terry,	Bridgewater,	Ella W. Ellis,	Bridgewater.
30	John Mayo,	Bridgewater,	Martha Husbands,	"
Dec. 14	Edward P. Spooner,	Middleboro,	Ellen F. Crocker,	Osterville.
14	L. Bradford Pratt,	Brockton,	Sarah L. Tripp,	Middleboro.
20	George N. Cole,	Middleboro,	Mrs. Sarah A. Hill,	Rochester.
25	Horace L. Bryant,	"	Ida F. Lee,	Middleboro.
31	Clinton Thomas,	Lakeville,	Mary E. Butler,	"
	George H. Haskins,	Middleboro,	Katie A. McCormick,	"



## BIRTHS.

*Registered in Middleboro 1882.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
Jan. 7	Ellis Conrad Alden,	Warner and Matilda J.,	White.
11	Evelyn Charissa Perry,	William E. C. and Marion L.,	Smith.
16	Estella Jane Shaw,	Peris and Anna M.,	Chubbuck.
18	Maud E. Brackett,	Geo. W. and Hattie,	Shaw.
23	Edith Hapgood Willoughby,	James H. and Jennie L.,	Howard.
Feb. 3	Thomas,	L. Edgar and Lauretta,	Carver.
4	Mattie Eliza Soule,	Thomas M. and Sophia E.,	Nye.
5	Isabelle Bartlett,	John and Martha,	Memillon.
16	Charles Harold Washburn,	Charles P. and Martha E.,	Rich.
28	Atwood,	Charles N. and Sarah A.,	Gibbs.
Mar. 3	Randall,	Frank and Emma,	Bonney.
9	Jordan,	James and Ellen,	Cotter.
21	Oscar Earle Westgate,	Edward S. and Susan J.,	Clark.
21	Ralph Newton Shaw,	Ezra F. and Clara,	Packard.
April. 1	Betsey Rebecca Leonard,	Andrew M. and Susan,	Belch.
3	Clara Emma Chapman,	John H. and Emma,	Scott.
6	Perley Bradford Dyer,	Nathan F. and Hattie,	Mann.
16	Fred Carlton Hathaway,	Lyman and Julia E. D.,	Coombs.
17	Lelia Frances Shurtleff,	N. Frank and Lucy S.,	Tillson.
19	Harold Clinton Eddy,	W. Osgood and Lizzie,	Cushman.
28	Herbert Bernard Shaw,	Henry and Lura,	Hazeltime.
May. 26	Grace Ilma Sherman,	Francis M. and Lucinda,	Thomas.
27	Louisa Stratton Sullivan,	John H. and Bertha,	Nevins.
27	Arthur Leslie Alden,	Arthur B. and Mary H.,	Soule.
June. 1	Ruth T. Prine,	St. Clair and Clara,	Darling.
5	Leslie Burgess Harlow,	Ezra A. and Emma S.,	Ellis.
20	Horace Binney Sargent Howes,	Charles A. and Leonice,	Barrows.
20	Elma Foster Gay,	Charles F. and Ella F.,	Finney.
21	Ralph Dexter Cushing,	J. Herbert and Harriet W.,	Phillips.
22	Anna Elizabeth Sheedy,	John and Anna,	Fagan.
23	Walter John Woodman,	Samuel and Jane,	Dixon.
23	Arthur Thomas Adams,	Frank I. and Ellen M.,	Leonard.
24	Emma Perkins Weston,	Sanford and Lizzie E.,	Maxim.
25	Mildred Estelle Cox,	George A. and Clara A.,	Hagen.
27	Ada Elmer Gifford,	Edgar and Marcia E.,	Thomas.
July. 10	Leon Smith Burnham,	George A. and Rachel A.,	Breach.
11	Mary Sampson Morse,	Ezra and Georgiana,	Leach.
22	Harry Amos Peirce,	William T. and Aedline,	Haskins.
25	Clarence Benjamin Eldridge,	Amasa E. and Mary A.,	Eggar.
26	Nugent,	and Sarah,	Nugent.
28	Henry Latham Gibbs,	Andrew B. and Dora B.,	Tinkham.
Aug. 5	Grace Albertine Pittsley,	Charles P. and Sarah J.,	Long.
15	Fred Sheldon Sparrow,	Fred C. and Sarah F. C.,	King.
18	Anna Elizabeth Bailey,	George E. and Lillian M.,	Shaw.
31	Guy Leroy True,	Will B. and Maria E.,	Walker.
Sept. 5	Frankie Belmont,	Thomas J. and Kate,	Carrigan.
25	Howard Leslie Stevens,	Frank H. and Achsah,	Howard.
25	William Warren Collins,	William W. and Fidelia F.,	Gay.
27	Barrows,	L. Addison and Nora B.,	Bump.
Oct. 5	Ida Frances Shaw,	Walter A. and Mary E.,	Hunt.
5	Walter Wilbur Murray,	Charles W. and Caroline F.,	Wilbur.
7	Olive Willoughby Sullivan,	John C. and Myra E.,	Stacy.
8	Mary Abby Surrey,	David S. and Susan L.,	Spooner.
10	Rebecca Frances Westgate,	Elisha P. and Abby N.,	Britton.
13	Lilly Hudson Tinkham,	Sylvanus and Anna J.,	Wardell.
16	John Gregory Gray,	David and Agnes L.,	Levrick.
17	Elser Marion Straffin,	Arthur F. and Mary,	Alden.
19	Lydia Booth Holmes,	Stephen H. and Jennie E.,	Davidson.
21	Edith Evelyn Briggs,	Chester J. and Ella J.,	Deane.
17	Gilbert Tripp Clark,	Oakes A. T. and Ellen A.,	Paun.

## BIRTHS.

*Registered in Middleboro in 1882.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
Oct. 29	Henry Short,	Paul and Leo,	Boverre.
30	Hattie May Whitmarsh,	George B. and Alice H.,	Clark.
Nov. 8	Eugene Nelson Wardell,	Henry E. and Elizabeth,	Conway.
8	Mary Amelia Sliba,	Lucas and Amelia,	Rudolph.
9	Lizzie Eaton Bump,	Charles E. and Sarah C.,	Southworth.
12	Atwood,	Shadrack F. and Josephine,	Pratt.
19	Macomber,	William H. and Etta,	Haskell.
19	Maggie Frances Norris,	John and Margaret,	Mullins.
20	Bumpus,	and Carrie,	Bumpus.
22	Alice Addison Washburn,	Edgar A. and Julia A.,	Fuller.
25	Lillian Standish,	George E. and Eva M.,	Blanchard.
28	Davis,	C. Frank and Ella F.,	White.
28	John Stearns Stack,	Patrick and Mary,	Dunn.
Dec. 7	Dennis Edmund Sheehan,	John and Mary,	Mullins.
12	Ernest Drake,	Ednah W. and Sarah E.,	DeMoranville.
19	Walter Irving Fuller,	David B. and Eunice S.,	Cathcart.
20	Thomas,	James A. and Lizzie B.,	Bradford.
23	Wood,	Edward F. and Mary L.,	Harlow.
23	Irving Vaughan,	Irving and Mary E.,	Shaw.
26	Florence May Keedwell,	George H. and Anna M.,	Barnwell.
30	Earle,	Ezra C. and Ella B.,	Bourne.

## DEATHS.

*Registered in Middleboro in 1882.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE,			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 9	George S. Maxim,	21	5		Consumption.
29	Mrs. Lucinda H. Nye,	74	1	10	Solid Lung.
29	Mrs. Jerusha Selu,	87	10	27	Cancer.
Feb. 4	Martin Howe,	81	6		Old Age.
14	Jane Thomas,	74	11	28	Cancer.
16	Mrs. Rosina A. Hartwell	61	11	1	Typhoid Pneumonia.
27	Mrs. Azubah S. Bishop,	60	1	10	Inflammatory Rheumatism—Debility.
28	Thomas Wood,	85	1	8	Dropsy of Heart.
Mar. 3	Stella Tinkham,	9	1	16	Typhoid Fever.
14	Mrs. Deborah Gammons	67	10	16	Pneumonia.
21	Mary E. Jewell,		4	19	Brain Disease.
25	George W. Hollis,	57	2		Brain Disease.
28	Mrs. Kate Sullivan,	46			Cancer.
28	Lottie May Bryant,		10	24	Croup.
28	Mrs. Jane S. Snow,	70	3	11	Consumption.
1	Seneca R. Thomas,	59		24	Chronic Diarrhea—Gastritis.
April 6	Jerome Harris,	74			Congestion of Liver.
9	Charles F. Shockley,	23	7	7	Consumption.
15	William Booth,	93			Heart Disease.
18	Mrs. Clara S. Shaw,	21	2		Inflammation of Bowels.
21	Ezra Drake,	82			Old Age.
13	Frederick C. Bagnall,	21	5	11	Consumption.
19	Mrs. Pamela Shaw,	61	9		Inflammatory Fever—Meningitis.
22	Henry S. Chace,		7	6	Marasmus.
26	John Harrington,	79			Heart Disease.
May 20	Mrs. Harriet Cobb,	64	7	23	Heart Disease.
22	Henry Herman,	74	4	22	Heart Disease.
23	Arnold Rudoulph,	5	10		Drowned.
29	Samuel Fuller,	89	10	8	Old Age.
June 1	Mrs. Clara J. Prine,	28	7	29	Child-bed fever.
1	Ruth T. Prine,			3	Inanition.
7	William A. Miller,	34	4	21	Purpura.
12	George B. Farrington,	43	4	4	Consumption.
17	Mrs. Phebe Shaw,	83	4		Old Age.
20	Mrs. S. M. Thompson,	40	10	22	Peritonitis.
20	Jabez Swift,	71	5		Consumption of the blood.
27	Mrs. Sarah A. Grant,	52	5		Injury.
July 2	Augustus W. Thomas,	58	8		Consumption.
5	Alanson Darling,	79	3		Paralysis.
6	Elmer H. Carter,	27	7	17	Consumption.
8	Mrs. Sarah W. Smith,	74	5	17	Congestive Apoplexy.
15	Theodore H. Alden,	56	10		Typhoid Pneumonia.
18	Albert F. Finney,	40	3	19	Consumption.
21	James A. Hackett,	7	6	29	Diphtheria.
22	Charles C. Stainsell,	68	8		Wraemia.
24	Mrs. Sylvia Hunt,	75	10	9	Bright's Disease.
25	Willfred D. Hackett,	15	2	3	Diphtheria.
28	David B. Marvell,	46	7	20	Acute Rheumatism—Heart Disease.
29	Emily F. Perkins,	54	11	18	Paralysis.
31	Mrs. Joanna M. Colton,	57	4		Consumption.
Aug. 3	Josiah T. Cornish,	69	9	3	Heart Disease.
13	Hattie J. Eldridge,	1	4	27	Cholera Infantum.
13	Elihu T. Wood,	62	1	9	Dysentery.
18	Catharine F. Doherty,		11	13	Cholera Infantum.
20	Prince Penniman,	78	10	7	Diarrhea.
28	Archibald E. Hathaway		8	14	Diarrhea—Disease of Brain.
Sept. 1	Mrs. Jemima Shurtleff,	82	8		Apoplexy.
2	Thomas Sullivan,		9		Cholera Infantum.

## DEATHS.

*Registered in Middleboro in 1882.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Sept. 6	Philander Washburn,	84	5	14	Old Age.
7	Charles Soule,	81	10		Old Age with Dysentery.
8	Mrs. Susan Thrasher.	91	2	28	Old Age.
11	Mrs. Susan K. Arnold.	67	3	14	Dropsy.
12	Benjamin P. Wood,	89	5	24	Old Age.
29	Arthur B. Foye,	1	1	6	Teething—Infla. Diarrhea.
Oct. 4	Mrs. Love S. Perry,	84	1	27	Heart Difficulty.
8	Mrs. Zilpha Tinkham,	81	11	22	Fracture of Hip—Gen. Debility.
9	John B. Dodge,	64			Heart Disease.
21	Ellis C. Alden,		9	14	Cholera Infantum.
27	Louisa Harlow,	70	1	10	Heart Disease.
29	Ada E. Gifford,		4		Cholera Infantum.
31	Henry Short,			2	Infantile.
Nov. 6	Mrs. Beulah S. Weston,	83	11	22	Cancer.
9	Mrs. Jennie E. Holmes,	29			Pleuro Pneumonia.
12	Cephas Morse,	59			Cancer of the Stomach.
15	George W. Wood,	86		9	Degeneration of Kidneys.
20	Mrs. Emma J. Haley,	37			Diphtheria.
25	Mrs. Rizpat Savery,	85	2	22	Paralysis.
28	Mrs. Caroline Smith,	66	2	25	Heart Disease.
Dec. 3	Herbert B. Haley,	4	7		Diphtheria.
11	Samuel A. Blake,	54	7	3	Heart Rupture.
12	Eliza J. Haley,	14	9		Diphtheria.
13	Richard J. Eldridge,		9	2	Croup.
15	Mrs. Julia A. Washburn	18	10		Puerperal fever.
21	Charles W. Phillips,	19	6	24	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
23	Albert C. Vaughan,	53	1	12	Consumption.
26	Mrs. Betsey D. Gibbs,	75	7	7	Pneumonia.

## SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births and Deaths, recorded in Middleboro for the year 1882 :

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1882,	46
Oldest Groom 73. Oldest Bride 64.	
Youngest Groom 18. Youngest Bride 16.	
First marriage of 75 persons, 37 Males, 38 Females.	
Second " " 14 " 9 " 5 "	
Third " " 3 " 3 "	
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92 persons, 46 couples.	

## BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1882,	81
Males, 39. Females, 42.	

## DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1882,	89
Males, 48. Females, 41.	

## AGES.

Still-born,	3	Under one year,	11
Between 1 and 5 years,	3	Between 5 and 10 years,	3
" 10 " 20 "	4	" 20 " 30 "	7
" 30 " 40 "	2	" 40 " 50 "	5
" 50 " 60 "	10	" 60 " 70 "	11
" 70 " 80 "	13	" 80 " 90 "	15
" 90 " 100 "	2		

## DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed,	266
Males, 252. Females, 14.	

C. T. THATCHER, Town Clerk.



# Vote of Middleboro,

NOVEMBER, 1882.

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## For Governor.

	Votes.		Votes.
Robert R. Bishop of Newton,	483	Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell,	244
Charles Almy of New Bedford,	1		

## For Lieutenant-Governor.

	Votes.		Votes.
Oliver Ames of Easton,	449	Samuel W. Bowerman of Pittsfield,	244
George Dutton of Springfield,	32	John Blackmer of Springfield,	1

## For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

	Votes.		Votes.
Henry B. Peirce of Abington,	504	David N. Skillings of Winchester,	205
John Howes of Worcester,	27	Solomon F. Root of Douglass,	1

## For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

	Votes.		Votes.
Daniel A. Gleason of Medford,	494	William A. Hodges of Quincy,	211
George Foster of Lynn,	32	Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton,	1

## For Auditor.

	Votes.		Votes.
Charles R. Ladd of Springfield,	494	John P. Sweeney of Lawrence,	210
Augustus L. Merchant of Leverett,	32	Jonathan Buck of Harwich,	1

## For Attorney-General.

	Votes.		Votes.
Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence,	494	George F. Terry of Worcester,	211
Elmer A. Snow of Athol,	32	Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden,	1

## For Representative to Congress, First District.

	Votes.		Votes.
Robert T. Davis of Fall River,	493	Nicholas Hatheway of Fall River,	210
Prelate D. Conant of Fall River,	32		



**For Councilor, First District.**

	Votes.		Votes.
Matthew H. Cushing of Middleboro,	468	Sylvanus B. Phinney of Barnstable,	208
Charles A. Howes of Middleboro,	30	Nat Cushing of Barnstable,	2
Nathaniel Cushing of Barnstable,	1		

**For District Attorney for South-Eastern District.**

	Votes.		Votes.
Everett C. Bumpus of Weymouth,	491	John F. Simmons of Hanover,	211
E. P. Howland of Quincy,	32	Hosea Kingman of Bridgewater,	1

**For County Commissioner.**

	Votes.		Votes.
Jedediah Dwelley of Hanover,	495	Van R. Swift of Bridgewater,	211
Nathaniel Beals of Rockland,	32		

**For County Treasurer.**

	Votes.		Votes.
John Morissey of Plymouth,	493	James Millar of Plymouth,	211
Perry M. Richard of So. Abington,	32		

**For Register of Deeds.**

	Votes.		Votes.
William S. Danforth of Plymouth,	494	Harvey H. Pratt of Abington,	211
Caleb M. Damon of Scituate,	32		

**For Senator, First Plymouth District.**

	Votes.		Votes.
Peleg McFarlin of Carver,	491	Philander Cobb of Kingston,	211
Nathaniel S. Cushing of Middleboro,	32		

**For Representative, Seventh Plymouth District.**

	Votes.		Votes.
Sprague S. Stetson of Lakeville,	419	Charles W. Turner of Middleboro,	301
Sidney Nelson of Lakeville,	1	Charles Turner of Middleboro,	1
Sprague Stetson,	1		

## TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, SS.

To James Cole, or either of the Constables of the Town of Middleboro,

## GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all of the inhabitants of the said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the 5th day of March next, at 10 o'clock A. M., to act on the following Articles: viz.,—

ART. 1st. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2nd. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year; the following officers to be voted for, all on one ballot: viz.,—Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and Fish Wardens.

ART. 3rd. To vote upon the question of granting license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, ballots to be "Yes or No," in answer to the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the present year

ART. 5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the present year, and determine when the same be assessed, and how appropriated.

ART. 6th. To choose a Board of Auditors to examine claims against the town, and order the payment of the same.

ART. 7th. To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report the condition of the treasury.

ART. 8th. To vote to pay the Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.

ART. 9th. To dispose of the town's right to take Alewives the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 10th. To see if the town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen Field Drivers, shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they also be chosen Pound Keepers.

ART. 11th. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their Almshouse, and act anything thereon.

ART. 12th. To allow accounts against the town, and act anything thereon.

ART. 13th. To take action in relation to clearing the highways of snow the present year.

ART. 14th. To hear and act on the reports of any officers or committees of the town.

ART. 15th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 16th. To see if the town will vote to pay a part of the expense of a night watch at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

ART. 17th. To dispose of the money received for dog licenses the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 18th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate one hundred dollars to be expended by Post 8 Grand Army of the Republic, in the decoration of soldiers' and sailors' graves on Memorial Day.

ART. 19th. To act on the list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 20th. To see if the town will vote to pay a part of the expense of sprinkling the streets at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

ART. 21st. To see if the town will vote to sell the wood lot purchased of Galen Haskins, and act anything thereon.

ART. 22nd. To take such action as the town shall see cause, in relation to draining Centre, Pearl and Main streets.

ART. 23rd. To see if the town will appropriate any money to defray the expense of prosecuting crime within the same, and act anything thereon.

ART. 24th. To take action in reference to regulating the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleboro, Lakeville, Rochester and Freetown, and enforce the provisions of said lease.

ART. 25th. To see what action the town will take in reference to the refusal of the Star Mills Co., to allow a fish-house to be placed by the town at the fishing place at their dam.

ART. 26th. To see what action the town will take in reference to repairing or re-building Woodward's bridge.

ART. 27th. To see if the town will vote to purchase the land adjoining the Town House lot, owned by heirs of Philander Washburn, and act anything thereon. (By Request).

And you are further directed to cause this warrant to be published in The Middleboro News, and The Middleboro Gazette, seven days at least before the time therein specified.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant and of your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middleboro, this 19th, day of February, A. D. 1883.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	}	Selectmen of Middleboro.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING.		

Annual Report  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
MIDDLEBORO'

For the Year 1883.



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1884.



# Report of the Selectmen & Assessors

For the Year ending Feb. 1st, 1884.

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Voted by the Town for the support of	
schools,	\$10,000.00
For incidental school expenses,	1,000.00
For support of poor,	4,500.00
For support of insane,	1,000.00
For repairs of highways,	5,000.00
For new roads and special repairs,	2,000.00
For cleaning highways of snow,	500.00
For sidewalks and concreting walks,	1,000.00
For sprinkling streets,	150.00
For night watch,	300.00
For town officers and incidental ex-	
penses,	2,500.00
For military aid,	600.00
For Post 8 G. A. R. for decoration	
day,	100.00
For suppression of crime,	200.00
For payment on town house,	5,000.00
For interest on debt,	600.00
For drainage, (for surveys &c.)	500.00
	<hr/> \$34,950.00
Less corporation and bank tax estimated	4,400.00
	<hr/> \$30,550.00
Total amount voted to be assessed	
1883,	\$30,000.00
State tax,	2,610.00
County tax,	2,801.43
Overlaying,	1,604.39
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Total amount assessed,	\$37,015.82



## APPROPRIATED AFTER THE TAX WAS VOTED.

For lighting streets,	100.00	
For building Cambridge street, and land damages,	1,050.00	
For water supply committee,	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,450.00

## HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

## NORTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Worked before June 15.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	James L. Jenney,	\$553.44	\$152.35	\$705.79
	L. F. Tinkham,		211.61	211.61
" 2,	L. E. Thomas,	399.06	198.71	597.77
" 3,	J. G. Vaughan,	251.08	98.92	350.00
" 4,	Edwin Holmes,	97.32	77.89	175.21
" 5,	Augustus Pratt,	75.57	36.28	111.85
" 6,	E. G. Shaw,	5.20	54.12	59.32
" 7,	J. A. Shaw,	64.75	21.95	86.70
" 8,	Jos. W. Robbins,	128.04	47.05	175.09
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		\$1,574.46	\$898.88	\$2,473.34

## EAST SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Worked before June 15.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	E. A. Shaw,	\$ 58.79	\$ 12.20	\$ 70.99
" 2,	J. W. Briggs,	17.42	78.07	95.49
" 3,	J. M. Eddy,	138.66	21.24	159.90
" 4,	H. E. Bryant,	45.06	25.50	70.56
" 5,	E. E. Freeman,	60.06	12.86	72.92
" 6,	R. F. Thompson,	55.42	44.03	99.45
" 7,	H. A. Thompson,	42.60	72.40	115.00
" 8,	Arad Covington,	50.31	13.33	63.64
" 9,	Ezra Morse,	67.75	50.10	117.85
" 10,	S. W. Bump,	53.25	85.00	138.25
" 11,	Aaron Berry,	63.15	53.35	116.50
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		\$652.47	\$468.08	\$1,120.55

## SOUTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Worked before June 15.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	J. W. McFarlin,	\$120.00	\$30.00	\$150.00
" 2,	S. T. Weston,	77.00	29.50	106.50
" 3,	Thos. J. LeBaron,	149.25	59.25	208.50
" 4,	Chas. D. Clark,	114.65	32.15	146.80
"	A. T. Clark, Jr.	104.00	25.99	129.99
" 6,	H. N. Thomas,	142.44	58.85	201.29
" 7,	B. P. W. Lovell,			
" 8,	O. F. Carver,	111.35	35.15	146.50
" 9,	Geo. S. Clark,	77.25	16.00	93.25
" 10,	Chas. C. Tinkham,	75.60	26.00	101.60
" 11,	J. H. Thomas,	82.66	13.50	96.16
" 12,	Arad Thomas,	110.80	39.24	150.04
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		\$1,165.00	\$365.63	\$1,530.63
Total,		\$3,391.93	\$1,732.59	\$5,124.52

## NEW ROADS AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

## NORTH SECTION.

Paid Sherman & Carver, for building		
Cambridge street,		\$360.00
Jos. L. Pease, for Cambridge street,		180.00
James L. Jenney, for repairs on School		
street,		196.82
L. F. Tinkham, for repairs on Center		
street,		60.02
A. F. Reed, for repairs on Center street,		10.87
Jos. W. Robbins, for repairs on Center		
street,		15.00
L. E. Thomas, for repairs on Oak and		
May streets,		400.00
J. A. Shaw, for repairs on Clay street,		27.62
Wm. H. Pratt, for repairs on Clay street,		1.00
Elijah Alden, for repairs on Purchase		
street,		10.00
Augustus Pratt, for repairs on Plymouth		
street,		20.42

J. G. Vaughan, for repairs on Plymouth street,	151.19	
Chas. H. Wilder, for repairs on North street,	1.13	
E. G. Shaw, for repairs on Pratt's bridge,	34.19	
	<hr/>	\$1,468.26
Lewis Lincoln, for land damages on Cambridge street,	225.00	
Washburn & Parker, for land damages on Cambridge street,	200.00	
Peter Washburn, for land damages on Cambridge street,	75.00	500.00
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		\$1,968.26

## EAST SECTION.

Paid Sherman & Carver, for repairs on Wall street,	150.00	
E. A. Shaw, for repairs on Wall street,	37.75	
A. T. Savery, $\frac{1}{2}$ of cost of rebuilding bridge at Waterville,	168.25	
R. F. Thompson, for repairs on Plymouth street,	80.00	
S. W. Bump, for repairs on Nemasket street,	99.41	
H. A. Thompson, for repairs on Plain and Thompson streets,	48.85	
J. G. Vaughan, for repairs on Woodard's bridge, \$194.00 less \$85.38 paid by the town of Bridgewater,	108.62	
C. H. Carpenter, for moving wall on Thompson street,	8.00	
	<hr/>	700.88

## SOUTH SECTION.

Paid A. C. Wood, for building a part of Grove street at Fall Brook bridge,	\$313.38
J. DeMoranville, on Pond street,	6.00
E. T. Sherman, on Pond street,	6.00

A. T. Clark, on Pond street,	20.88	
S. T. Weston, on France street,	31.50	
George S. Clark, on Cherry street,	24.00	
George S. Clark, on Wood street,	56.00	
George S. Clark on Almshouse street bridge,	23.47	
J. H. Vaughan, on Wood street, for a culvert in part,	25.00	506.23
Total,		<u>\$3,175.37</u>

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid James L. Jenney,	\$47.20	
L. E. Thomas,	53.83	
John G. Vaughan,	5.10	
Henry Parry,	3.00	
Edwin Holmes,	12.00	
J. F. Alden,	10.50	
J. A. Shaw,	5.90	
Jos. W. Robbins,	3 80	
		<u>141.33</u>
R. F. Thompson,	2.30	
H. A. Thompson,	3.60	
H. F. Wood,	6.70	
E. E. Freeman,	5.40	
Andrew Freeman,	8.00	
Arad Covington,	2.20	
Ezra Morse,	3.60	
J. W. Briggs,	15.00	
J. M. Eddy,	7.87	
D. E. Baker,	10.00	
E. A. Shaw,	14.20	
		<u>78.87</u>
E. G. Smith,	12.55	
S. T. Weston,	12.10	
J. H. Thomas,	4.90	
Nelson Thomas,	26.90	
H. F. Maxim,	8.95	

Abner Wood,	25.30	
Arad Thomas,	9.30	
E. N. Barrows,	14.10	
Geo. S. Clark,	16.00	130.10
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Total,		350.20

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles T. Thatcher, town clerk, treasurer and collector,	\$450.00	
Charles T. Thatcher, for recording marriages, births and deaths,	63.80	
	<hr/>	\$513.80
Nathan King, moderator,	10.00	
Joseph T. Wood, selectman and assessor,	235.00	
Albert T. Savery, selectman and assessor,	187.50	
Nathaniel S. Cushing, selectman and assessor,	160.00	
	<hr/>	592.50
W. H. Southworth, school committee,	198.75	
J. F. Shurtleff, school committee,	103.25	
N. T. Dyer, school committee,	72.62	
	<hr/>	374.62
C. B. Wood, overseer of the poor,	22.75	
A. C. Wood, overseer of the poor,	101.00	
S. Mendall, overseer of the poor,	15.25	
	<hr/>	139.00
James Cole, constable,	25.80	
L. M. Alden, constable,	27.00	
S. Mendall, constable,	18.00	
Milton Alden, constable,	24.62	
S. S. Lovell, constable,	14.00	
	<hr/>	109.42
Wm. B. Wood, lock-up keeper,	15.00	
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		\$1,744.34

## SIDEWALKS.

Paid James L. Jenney, (on School street,)	188.73	
L. E. Thomas,	257.58	
John G. Vaughan,	78.00	
Edwin Holmes,	25.00	
Augustus Pratt,	65.00	
	<hr/>	614.31

## CONCRETING SIDEWALKS.

Paid Shiverick & Thomas, concreting on Cen- ter and Barrows streets,		600.00
One half of the cost has been paid on the property of the following abutting owners, viz :		
Trustees of Pierce Academy,	47.84	
Isaac Lucas,	23.23	
B. F. Tripp,	13.87	
H. S. B. Smith,	14.08	
N. W. & J. M. Leonard,	21.09	
C. D. Kingman,	18.56	
Thomas Boucher,	36.00	
J. T. McCormick, on Barrows street,	14.50	
Unpaid, now due,	112.68	
	<hr/>	278.62
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		321.38
Paid Shiverick & Thomas, concreting three street crossings,	70.78	
For extra labor, and loss on material on account stopping work by order of selectmen,	15.00	
	<hr/>	85.78
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		407.16

## SPRINKLING STREETS.

Paid John B. Carver,	150.00
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## NIGHT WATCH.

Paid A. Baker, for watching from Jan. 1st, 1883, to Jan. 1st, 1884.	742.00	
Contributed by citizens,	442.00	
	<hr/>	300.00

## LIGHTING STREET LAMPS.

Paid A. Baker, for lighting lamps two months, 16.00

## PROSECUTION OF CRIME.

Paid Geo. C. Richards, for 31 $\frac{1}{10}$ days police duty,	93.30	
Geo. C. Richards, for money paid out,	68.04	
	<hr/>	161.34
J. C. Sullivan, for legal service,	38.66	
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		200.00

There have been eleven complaints made, nine convictions.  
Two appeals still pending, one on file, and three discharged.

The fines and costs have amounted to \$530.00

## MILITARY AID.

Military aid furnished the following persons, for the past  
year ending February 1, 1884 :

Emerson P. Morse,	\$96.00
Alfred O. Standish,	102.00
Martin F. Jefferson,	96.00
Frederick R. Raymond,	72.00
Stephen C. Ryder,	72.00
William C. Ashley,	98.00
Benjamin F. Lane,	49.00
Bernard Glancy,	100.00
Abiel Gibbs,	48.00
Winfield S. Wright,	66.00
John E. Mann,	48.00
Ephraim A. Hunt,	60.00
Orren Hicks,	120.00

Reuben Harlow,	2.00	
James W. Briggs,	96.00	
Henry F. Whitcomb,	138.00	
Henry H. P. Lovell	72.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,335.00
One half paid by state,		\$667.50

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid David S. Swift for damage to carriage on		
Clay street,	10.00	
T. W. Peirce for drain pipe,	31.03	
John Shaw, for stationery,	11.50	
C. H. Paine, for street leveling,	16.00	
Wm. R. Peirce, for clock in bank, clerk		
and selectmen's room,	29.00	
S. S. Bourne, for goods for G. E.		
Hackets family,	1.33	
H. L. Thatcher printing town reports,	74.80	
H. L. Thatcher, printing yea and nay votes,	1.25	
J. M. Coombs, printing warrants &c.	102.00	
H. H. Sylvester, printing warrants &c.	98.25	
H. H. Sylvester, printing valuation		
papers,	15.75	
H. G. O. White, for repairing pump at		
Titicut,	4.50	
Geo. Tayler, iron for road scraper,	8.00	
C. C. Tinkham, for raising F. E. Wood's		
house on School street, on account		
of change of grade,	35.00	
M. E. Rounsville, for raising F. E. Wood's		
house on School steet, on account of		
change of grade,	108.44	
Sherman & Carver, for filling schoolhouse		
yard on School street,	45.67	
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber for bridges,	32.96	
	<hr/>	625.48
J. W. P. Jenks, for extending sewers		
from water street, $\frac{1}{2}$ of cost,	35.00	

J. G. Vaughan, for work on sewers,	15.00	
	<hr/>	50.00
Mrs. Adna Jackson, for gravel,	16.00	
Lucy Washburn, for gravel,	5.61	
Lewis Eaton, for gravel,	8.00	
Simeon A. Sherman, for gravel,	5.00	
Geo. L. Soule, for returning deaths,	17.50	
	<hr/>	95.11
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		720.59

## SIDEWALKS.

Paid James L. Jenney,	188.73	
L. E. Thomas,	257.58	
John G. Vaughan,	78.00	
Edwin Holmes,	25.00	
Augustus Pratt,	65.00	
	<hr/>	614.31

## RECAPITULATION.

Paid for repairs of highways,	\$5,124.52	
New roads and special repairs,	3,175.37	
Snow bills,	350.30	
Town officers,	744.34	
Incidental expenses,	720.59	
Sidewalks,	614.31	
Concreting sidewalks & street crossings,	407.16	
Sprinkling streets,	150.00	
Night watch,	300.00	
Lighting street lamps,	16.00	
Prosecution of crime,	200.00	
Military aid, $\frac{1}{2}$ paid by the state,	667.50	
	<hr/>	\$13,470.09

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

## ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	\$7,952.65	
Due on taxes now in Collector's hands,	5,211.00	
Due from State for State aid,	1,624.75	
Due from State for Military aid,	667.50	
Due on account of bills paid by Board of Health in 1882.	140.00	
	<hr/>	\$15,595.90

## LIABILITIES.

## DUE ON NOTES

To the Middleboro Savings Bank, Note given July 9th, 1882,	\$4,000.00	
To the Middleboro Savings Bank, Note given Sept. 16th, 1873,	\$1,000.00	
To the Middleboro Savings Bank, Note given Aug. 13th, 1880,	\$1,600.00	
To Thomas M. LeBarron, Note given May 3rd, 1879,	\$350.00	
To Sarah B. Cushing, Note given July 22d, 1879,	\$100.00	
To Wm. C. Swift, Note given May 1st, 1879,	\$100.00	
To Mary L. Cornish, Note given April 17th, 1880,	\$561.80	
To Wm. O. Cornish, Note given April 21st, 1880,	\$168.54	
To Josiah T. Cornish, Note given April 24th, 1880,	\$144.87	
Interest about	\$100.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,125.21
All on demand at 5 per ct. interest.		
Due Teachers for present terms, estimated,	2,500.00	
Town officers and committees, estimated,	400.00	
Probables loss on taxes,	500.00	
	<hr/>	11,525.21
Balance of assets,		4,070.69

## ESTIMATE FOR A TAX FOR 1884.

For Support of schools,	\$9,000	
Incidental school expenses,	1000	
Support of poor,	4,500	
Support of Insane,	1,000	
Repairs of roads and bridges,	5,000	
New roads and special repairs,	2,000	
Town officers and incidental expenses,	2,500	
Payment on town debt,	5,000	
Interest on town debt,	400	
Sidewalks, and concreting walks,	1,000	
Clearing highways of snow,	500	
Military aid,	600	
Memorial day,	100	
Night watch,	300	
Sprinkling streets,	150	
Lighting streets.	100	
Prosecution of crime,	200	
	<hr/>	\$33,350
Less corporation and bank tax,		4,700
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		\$28,650

## ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

## NORTH SECTION.

Polls.	Personal Valuation.	Real Valuation.	Total.
931	\$389,390	\$1,493.980	\$1,883.370

## EAST SECTION.

222	\$48,215	\$306,755	\$354,970
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## SOUTH SECTION.

336	\$65,785	\$418,740	\$484,525
1489	\$503,390	\$2,219,475	\$2,722.865

	No. of Horses.	No. of Cows.	No. of Sheep.	No. of Houses.	No. of Acres.
N. Section,	344	234	10	621 $\frac{3}{4}$	9297
E. Section,	157	227	25	204	10,730
S. Section,	225	361	119	267	18,265
Total,	726	822	154	1092 $\frac{3}{4}$	38,292
Population June 1st, 1880.					5,237

## FISH ACCOUNT.

Cash received from sale of fish,	\$786.58	
Received from sale of lumber barrels, &c.	21.55	
Received from towns on Taunton river, for inspection at East Taunton,	130.00	
	<hr/>	\$938.13
Paid Jas. A. Burgess, inspection at East Taunton,	\$130.00	
L. M. Alden, labor catching, curing and taking care of fish,	187.25	
E. A. Harlow, labor taking fish, &c.,	70.20	
H. L. Dunham, labor taking fish, &c.,	74.13	
Charles Wood, labor taking fish, &c.,	13.30	
N. Howes, labor taking fish, &c.,	8.90	
S. Mendall, labor taking fish, &c.,	5.50	
J. A. Burgess, for use of horse,	9.75	
J. B. Carver, for teaming,	5.00	
L. E. Thomas, for teaming,	2.75	
M. H. Cushing, for salt,	44.10	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber,	27.05	
J. & G. E. Doane, for spikes, &c.,	8.24	
Randall Hathaway, for nets tubs, &c.,	19.06	
Wm. H. Vaughan, for net frames, &c.,	9.85	
For labor, barrels, team and incidental expenses,	57.89	
J. T. Wood, fish warden,	8.30	
Wm. B. Wood, fish warden,	3.00	
American Net and Twine Co.,	2.15	
H. H. Sproat, for rent of land for fish house,	3.00	
	<hr/>	689.36
To divide with the town of Lakeville,		248.77
Middleboro, proportion,	211.80	
Lakeville, proportion,	36.97	
	<hr/>	248.77
Nets, tubs, &c., on hand, appraised,	41.50	
Whole number of fish taken in 1883,	139,153	



At the request of E. A. Brackett, one of State fish commissioners, the selectmen in connection with Mr. N. B. Sherman have had the fish way at the Shovel Works dam thoroughly repaired, at an expense of \$51.10, one-half of which was paid by Mr. Sherman and the other half by the State.

The State also paid the expense of catching and putting over the dam 5300 herrings, also, the expense of counting the No. of fish passing up the fish way, May 18, 19, 26 and 28, 3½ days, and the No. was 6042.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

*From Feb. 1st, 1883, to Feb. 1st, 1884.*

Paid N. D. Wilber, gas bills,	\$365.18	
Washburn & Parker, for coal,	255.57	
A. Hoxie, for labor on stage, &c.,	23.75	
A. Hoxie, for wheelbarrow,	8.00	
J. K. & B. Sears, for lumber for stage,	23.22	
Jones Bros., for mats,	15.00	
Geo. T. Rider, for curtain,	3.02	
L. S. Bailey, for rakes, &c.,	2.75	
A. Baker, for guano,	3.23	
Sundry small bills,	11.44	
Wm. B. Wood, janitor for one year,	468.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,179.16
Cr. By cash received for rent of hall and rooms,	442.85	442.85
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		736.31
Paid N. D. Wilber, for pipe and labor to light the band stand,	40.60	
J. & G. E. Doane, for lanterns for band stand,	20.57	
	<hr/>	61.17
E. F. J. Barton (under vote of the town May 7, 1883,) for painting overhead, side walls, and cleaning and oil finish- ing all wood work, and radiators in three rooms,	190.25	

Nov. 16, 1878, the town voted to instruct the town house committee to cause the policies of insurance on the town house to be renewed from time to time as they expire. All the policies of insurance on the town house expired in Jan. 1884, amounting to \$20,000, and the committee have renewed the insurances for the same amount.

Paid T. C. Collins for 4 policies of \$2500		
each at 3 per ct. for 5 years,	300.00	
J. F. Alden, for 4 policies of \$2500		
each at 3 per ct. for 5 years,	300.00	
	<hr/>	600.00
Total balance over income,		\$1,587.73

It should be taken into account that about one-half of the first floor is occupied by the High School, and that the Town Treasurer and collector, selectmen and Public Library, have rooms and the town has the use of the hall for town meeting, and other rooms are used for committees, caucuses, &c., which if estimated at a fair rent would offset the balance of the ordinary expenses.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	} Town House
ALBERT T. SAVERY,	
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING,	

Middleboro, Feb. 12th, 1884.

## LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, viz.:

William F. Atwood,  
Harrison W. Atwood,  
Emery F. Atwood,  
Austin G. Atwood,  
Jared F. Alden,  
John S. Benson,  
Elisha T. Benson,  
Ira Bryant,  
Joshua K. Bishop,  
James W. Briggs,  
Bradford D. W. Bartlett,  
Nathaniel S. Cushing,  
J. Herbert Cushing,  
Thomas C. Collins,  
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,  
Orrin E. Deane,  
Jeremiah Doane,  
Joshua M. Eddy,  
William C. Eddy,  
George T. M. Gammons,  
Francis B. Gibbs,  
Foster A. Harlow,  
Eugene P. LeBaron,  
Thomas J. LeBaron,  
Benjamin F. Leonard,  
Zebedee Leonard,  
Joseph L. Leonard,  
William O. LeBaron,  
James L. Jenney,  
John Q. Morton,  
Alvin P. Vaughan,  
Josiah H. Vaughan,  
John C. Vaughan,

Fred. C. Sparrow,  
Albert T. Savery,  
George R. Sampson,  
Josiah C. Shaw,  
Ebenezer A. Shaw,  
Elbridge G. Shaw,  
George L. Soule,  
Augustus Soule,  
Warren H. Southworth,  
Ebenezer Smith,  
Henry P. Sparrow,  
Elnathan Sherman,  
Charles C. Tinkham,  
Leander A. Tinkham,  
Ira M. Thomas,  
Charles W. Turner,  
Franklin S. Thompson,  
Philander W. Thompson,  
Albert J. Wood,  
Asaph Washburn,  
Ellis Weston,  
James H. Weston  
Kenelm Winslow,  
Andrew M. Wood,  
Warren Wood,  
Nathan B. Maxim,  
Ebenezer Pickens,  
Jeremiah K. Pratt,  
Augustus Pratt,  
A. Herbert Pratt,  
Isaac E. Perkins,  
Horace N. Rider,  
William B. Wood,  
George E. Wood.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,  
ALBERT T. SAVERY,  
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING, }

Selectmen  
of  
Middleboro.

Middleboro, Feb, 12th, 1884.

# Report of Town Treasurer.

ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1884.

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## DR.

Cash received as follows :

Cash on hand as per report of Feb. 1, 1883.	\$8,152.08
Cash from C. B. Wood, former treasurer,	434.00
Cash from County treasurer, for dog money for 1883.	499.60
Cash from State treasurer, for corporation tax,	3,474.94
From State treasurer, for bank tax,	1,210.08
From State treasurer, for state aid,	2,334.41
From State treasurer, for state aid, old claims,	695.18
From State treasurer, school fund,	234.46
From Middleboro savings bank,	9,400.00
From New England Trust Co., for interest,	165.87
From overseers of poor,	942.98
From school committee, for tuition,	46.50
From school committee, for sale of drawing books,	105.24
From town of Bridgewater, for repairs on Wood- ward's bridge,	85.38
From B. F. Tripp, for watchman,	136.50
From Geo. L. Brett, for watchman,	355.50
From Geo. A. Macomber, for license,	11.00
From L. M. Alden, for herring money,	260.07
From T. J. McCormick, for concreting,	14.50
From B. F. Tripp, for concreting,	13.87
From Pierce Academy, for concreting,	47.84
From Thomas Boucher, for concreting,	36.00
From Doctor H. S. B. Smith, for concre- ting,	14.0
From N. W. & J. M. Leonard, for con- creting,	21.09
From C. D. Kingman, for concreting,	18.56
From 6 town maps sold,	1.20

From the following cities and towns on  
account of fish,

Freetown, \$10 ; Dighton, \$20 ; Rayn-  
ham, \$20 ; Somerset, \$20 ; Berkley, \$20 ;  
Fall River, \$10 ; Taunton, \$30 ;  
Collector of taxes,

130.00

35,418.43

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 \$64,259.36

## CR.

Cash Paid Selectmen and auditors, orders,	\$14, 111.92
Paid School committee, orders,	10,652.89
Paid Overseers of poor, orders,	5,973.89
Paid Town house committee, orders,	1,483.42
Paid Board of health, orders,	1.33
Paid Notes and interest,	15,072.37
Paid State aid, chapter 301,	1,624.75
Paid State aid, chapter 252,	1,335.00
Paid State treasurer, state tax,	2,643.95
Paid County treasurer, county tax,	2,801.43
Paid N. Y. & B. D. Express Co.	16.15
Paid L. M. Alden, for G. A. R.,	100.00
Paid Jos. E. Beals, public library, dog licenses for 1882,	473.61
Sundries,	16.00
Cash on hand,	7,952.65
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	\$64,259.36

C. T. THATCHER, Treasurer.

Middleboro, Feb. 19, 1884.

The undersigned, a committee chosen by the town to settle  
with their treasurer, hereby certify that they have attended  
to that duty, and find the accounts correct and properly vouch-  
ed, for the year ending Feb. 1, 1884.

A. L. TINKHAM,  
JAMES H. HARLOW,  
FRANCIS M. VAUGHAN.

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

Taxes unpaid for 1881, as per report of 1883,	\$ 948.96
Taxes unpaid for 1882 as per report of 1883,	2,801.11
Taxes committed in 1883,	37,028.28
Interest and summons received,	225.95
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	\$41,004.30

## CR.

Taxes unpaid for 1881,	\$ 277.74
Taxes unpaid for 1882,	942.75
Taxes unpaid for 1883,	3,630.51
Assessors' orders,	674.87
Cash paid town treasurer.	35,418.43
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	\$41,004.30

C. T. THATCHER, Collector.



# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

For the year ending Feb. 1, 1884.

Net amount of money drawn from the town treasury,		\$5,030.91
Received from other cities and towns,	661.55	
Received on account of pension,	96.00	
Received on account of state aid,	72.00	
Received from M. P. Standish, on account of M. F. Standish,	45.00	
Received for land sold on account of Thomas J. Shaw,	100.00	
Received for logs sold,	33.25	
Received for produce, &c.,	303.96	1,311.76
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		\$6,342.67

Paid out as follows, viz.:

For support of paupers in the Alms-house,		1,530.58
Out of Almshouse,		
Caroline M. Packard,	\$ 78.00	
Daniel P. Shurtleff,	24.25	
Lucy B. Tinkham,	209.00	
Mrs. Andrew B. Perry,	130.00	
Mrs. James E. Richmond,	71.62	
Mrs. Sally C. Benson,	50.00	
Rachel W. Thomas,	54.00	
Andrew W. Leonard,	13.00	
Mrs. Lydia Marchant,	96.25	
William Goddard,	14.00	
Geo. W. Bracket,	52.00	
Mrs. Azel F. Eaton,	28.00	
Mrs. Noah Murray,	122.50	
Horace W. Thayer,	181.50	
Mrs. Stillman B. Morse,	118.00	
Mrs. Ellen Weeks,	83.48	
James H. Marvell,	42.00	

Betsey C. Cobb,	55.00
Ephraim D. Butler,	190.37
Eunice D. Burt,	7.00
Lorenzo L. Sawyer,	19.00
Ephraim Bell,	15.70
George Bennett,	27.30
Israel Wood,	18.00
Mrs. Hiram Bryant,	30.75
Emerson P. Morse,	26.00
Patrick Mahoney,	1.90
Mrs. Henry Johnson,	18.00
Mrs. Harriet McLathlin,	7.00
Daniel P. Phillips,	33.00
Rozinee Vickery,	14.50
Alphonzo Millard,	5.00
Mary Lawrence,	137.50
John Dally,	18.62
Oliver Bagnell,	52.00
Phineas Haskins,	48.50
Hannah Madden,	9.52
Gilbert A. Lyon,	15.00
Ellen Cole,	74.20
George H. Raymond,	40.00
Rosalie A. Thyng,	52.00
Wybra Weeks,	12.50
Nathaniel Shurtleff,	9.00
Lydia Jones,	57.66
Mrs. Paul Phalan,	2.00
Susan B. Bowlin,	36.00
Henry Covill and family,	49.50
Mrs. Lucy Young,	64.00
Mrs. Bertie L. Gammons,	11.28
Sarah A. Raymond,	13.00
H. P. Lovell,	57.50
Mrs. Alla Bumpus,	3.00
John Raymond,	2.00
Benjamin Haskins,	14.72
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan,	19.00
Hiram Hatch,	104.00
Mrs. Calvin Case,	16.50
Alfred O. Standish,	5.00
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	\$2760.12

In Taunton Lunatic Hospital :	
Thomas J. Shaw,	178.25
Patrick Murphy,	183.80
Henry C. Keith,	207.05
Eliza O'Donnell,	31.20
In Worcester Lunatic Hospital :	
Lucy A. King,	175.27
George Wallen,	85.59
In Northampton Lunatic Hospital :	
Joanna O'Keffe,	191.96
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	\$1,053.12
Andrew C. Wood, expenses out of town	
on account of paupers,	24.85
E. Robinson & L. M. Mitchell, for two	
lots of land containing $4\frac{1}{4}$ acres,	424.00
Dr. Hodgson, for professional services	
for one year, ending Feb. 1, 1884,	50.00
E. S. Lovell and wife, for one year's	
services ending, Feb. 1, 1884,	500.00
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	\$6,342.67
Whole number in the Almshouse during	
the year,	168
Transient,	144
Remaining the whole time,	18
Present number,	18
No. of weeks for one person,	1063
Transient,	21
Average number about,	$20\frac{1}{2}$
Average expense per week excluding	
salaries and int. on farm,	1.73
Average expense per week including	
salaries and int. on farm,	2.46
Amount of Real estate, Feb. 1, 1883, \$3,715.00	
Personal, " 2,085.43	
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	5,800.43
Real estate, Feb. 1, 1884, 4,090.00	
Personal, " 1,850.70	
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	\$5,940.70
More than last year,	
	\$140.27
C. B. WOOD,	
A. C. WOOD,	} Overseers
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	
	} of
	} the Poor.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
Trustees of the Middleboro' Public Library.  
FEBRUARY, 1884.

The statistics of the Library and of the detail work done in the care and delivery of books in the Library room, are summed up by the acting Librarian as follows:

*Librarian's Report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1884.*

During the 295 days that the Library was open to the public, 18,137 volumes were delivered, averaging 61+ a day. Largest number delivered in one day, 173, occurring on the 26th of January, 1884. Number of volumes belonging to the Library at the present time 3661, of which three are not yet accounted for. Covered, numbered and labelled during the year, 2081 volumes. 3062 is the number of the last card issued.

CHAS. M. THATCHER,  
Acting Librarian.

The number of books added during the year was 191. At the time of the annual examination 125 books were sent away to be rebound. These are still in the binder's hands at the date of this report, and the money to pay for the same held in reserve as will be seen by the Treasurer's report. None of the worn out volumes have been replaced by new ones during the year, but quite a number are in such condition that they will undoubtedly have to be replaced during the coming year.

As the town house committee had planed for painting the rooms, the Library was closed two weeks during December for that purpose, and the annual examination

was made during that time. All the books were taken from the shelves, examined and returned, and all but three were found in place or accounted for, and possibly the missing ones may yet be found.

Soon after the beginning of the year, Miss N. J. Bul-  
lard, who had served as Librarian since the opening of  
the Library, received the appointment as Librarian of the  
South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library, and  
entered upon that duty June 1st. While the Trustees  
were reluctant to lose her services, the means at our com-  
mand would not permit much increase of salary, and the  
position offered her was felt to be a well-deserved promo-  
tion, and one which her years of service in our Library  
well qualified her to fill. The vacancy thus caused was  
placed in the hands of the Library committee to fill tem-  
porarily, and Mr. Charles M. Thatcher who had served as  
an assistant on the busy evenings for many years, was  
placed in charge and served as Librarian to January 1st,  
since which time Mrs. Adelaide K. Thatcher has served  
in that capacity.

The Library has received recently valuable Public Re-  
ports both State and National, which have not yet been  
placed in the catalogue and assigned places on the shelves.  
Thanks are also due to Miss Nellie Brightman for publi-  
cations relating to the Foreign Fair recently held in Bos-  
ton.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand at last annual report,	\$ 0.06
Received donation from T. C. Collins,	5.00
Received from Town Treasurer, "dog money," 1882,	473.61
Received from fines collected during the year,	50.87
Received from catalogues sold,	2.80

Received for use of Library by non-residents,		3.00
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		\$535.34
Paid for insurance on \$2650,	\$39.75	
Paid for books, John Shaw,	166.45	
Paid for books, Estes & Lauriat,	60.46	
Paid for books, Lockwood, Brooks & Co.,	17.29	
Paid Miss N. J. Bullard, Librarian to June 1,	67.00	
Paid Chas. M. Thatcher, Librarian to Jan. 1,	117.33	
Paid Mrs. Adelaide K. Thatcher, Librarian, to Feb. 1,	16.00	
Paid for paper for covering books,	8.71	
Paid for cleaning Library room,	2.50	
Paid J. Sherman, bulletin board, in 1880,	1.50	
Paid for postal cards, stationery, etc.,	6.97	
Paid for postage, freight and express,	2.02	
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		\$29.36

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees.

JOSEPH E. BEALS, Secretary and Treasurer.

Middleboro, Feb. 1st, 1884.

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1883-4.

Term expires 1884.  
Wm. R. Peirce, Pres't.  
Abner L. Westgate,  
W. H. Southworth.

Term expires 1885.  
George Brayton,  
James M. Coombs,  
Joseph E. Beals.

Term expires 1886.  
J. H. Willoughby,  
E. Robinson.  
E. S. Hathaway.



# Report of Town Clerk.

## MARRIAGES

*Registered in Middleboro', in 1883.*

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 3	John E. Herne,	New Jersey,	Etta F. Fuller,	Middleboro.
6	Asa F. Pope.	Plympton,	Mrs. Lucia Shaw,	Plympton.
9	Alfred H. Wyman,	Bridgewater,	Annie P. Shields,	Raynham.
27	Elmer E. Shaw,	Halifax,	Hannah T. Carver,	Halifax.
31	Elmer E. Morrill,	Middleboro,	Agnes Brady,	Middleboro.
Feb. 1	Bradford Harlow,	"	Emily C. Hinckley,	Barnstable.
10	John A. Howes,	New York,	Nellie H. Sherman,	Middleboro.
16	Frank H. Stockwell,	Peabody,	Sadie B. Jenks,	"
23	Wm. T. Johnson, Jr.,	Wareham,	Lillian A. Conant,	Wareham.
Mar. 17	Jonathan M. Hall,	Middleboro,	Susan Dunham,	Middleboro.
21	George W. Copeland,	Boston,	Julia H. Miller,	"
Apr. 3	P. H. P. Faulkner,	Portsmouth RI	Sarah Snow,	"
5	Eugene O. Glasse,	Middleboro,	Mrs. Jennie Davis,	Providence, R. I.
17	James W. Cuthbert,	Prov., R. I.,	Ella Murray,	Middleboro.
19	George E. White,	Middleboro,	Serena W. Reed,	"
22	Amasa R. Glidden.	"	Mary B. Pickens,	"
24	Wm. B. Macomber,	"	Carrie A. Tinkham,	"
26	Grenville Carver,	Bridgewater,	Mrs. Sarah L. Collins	Bridgewater.
May 6	St. Clair Prime,	Middleboro,	Emma F. Darling,	Middleboro.
17	Amasa C. Fay,	"	Jennie E. Leighton,	Natick.
24	Lot S. Lucas,	Carver,	Mrs. Maria L. Cornell	Middleboro.
31	Eben B. Shaw,	Attleboro,	Alice J. Franklin,	Attleboro.
June 2	S. B. Washburn,	Middleboro,	Jennie C. Ashby,	Bridgewater.
6	George W. Soule,	Pembroke,	Annie E. Stedman,	Pembroke.
7	Andrew Case,	Middleboro,	Mary S. Morrill,	Bridgewater.
10	Herbert H. Barrows,	Wareham,	Hattie W. Ryder,	Middleboro.
11	Albert Marvell,	Middleboro,	Emily Harrison,	"
16	J. C. Blanchard,	Abington,	Angeline E. Ellis,	"
20	Charles M. Thatcher,	Middleboro,	Adelaide K. Leonard	"
27	John W. Cole,	"	Blanche L. Gregory,	Taunton.
July 1	Henry W. Snow,	"	Sarah L. Jones,	Middleboro.
9	Gustavus F. Dean,	Raynham,	Sarah A. Boucher,	"
11	John F. Perry,	Middleboro,	Josie B. Shaw,	"
11	Elijah Gifford,	Dartmouth,	Mary F. Shockey,	Lakeville.
18	Austin S. Thompson,	Halifax,	Ellen P. Chase,	Middleboro.
25	Frank H. Leavitt,	New Bedford,	Mary A. Penniman,	"
Aug. 26	John T. Norris,	Middleboro,	Annie Penders,	"
28	Benjamin C. Shaw,	"	Bessie J. Shurtleff,	"
Sept. 4	William A. Andrews,	"	Mary W. Tilden,	Quincy.
20	Frederick E. Rudolph	"	Mrs. Austenia Fronk,	Middleboro.
22	Thomas Berry,	Boston,	Mary Smith,	"
23	E. O. Batchelder,	Middleboro,	Emogene F. Dunham,	"
Oct. 1	Abram L. Bowman,	"	Mary C. Wood,	"
3	Wm. Higginson,	Boston,	Abbie Layfield,	Boston.
7	Edward McManus,	Middleboro,	Sarah Devine,	Middleboro.
17	Willard L. Hoxie,	"	Clarabel Nickerson,	Barnstable.
18	John H. Robinson,	Boston,	Annie H. Harlow,	Middleboro.
18	M. O. Rounseville,	Middleboro,	Ida F. Fuller,	Cambridge.
18	Charles A. Wood,	"	Abbie C. Coombs,	Middleboro.
20	Elmer E. Swift,	Plymouth,	Elwinna H. Dow,	Campton, N. H.
28	M. M. Thompson,	Middleboro,	Mary A. Barlow,	Middleboro.
29	Arthur L. Collins,	"	Alice J. W. Collins,	"
Nov. 8	William R. Welch,	"	Bridget Cronin,	"
8	James T. Fuller,	Brockton,	Gustava O. Svenson,	"
14	Charles O. Whitney,	Upton,	Sarah F. Ryder,	"
18	Thome D. Jordao,	Middleboro,	Mariana Camara.	Lakeville.
24	Noel B. Fuller,	Fall River,	A. J. Manchester,	Fall River.

## MARRIAGES

*Registered in Middleboro' in 1883.*

DATE	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
25	John W. Sherman,	Hyannis,	E. A. McCormick,	Middleboro.
27	Robert H. Hatch,	Brockton,	Elizabeth L. Barrows	"
28	George H. Hazelton,	Middleboro,	Mary E. Rose,	Assonet.
28	H. W. Macomber,	"	Helen M. Sherman,	Middleboro.
29	Ivory A. Bisbee,	"	Edith F. Gardner,	Taunton.
29	Albert H. Eaton,	"	Eva G. Gardner,	"
29	E. H. Cromwell,	"	Emma L. Marble	Marion.
29	Levi F. Morse,	"	Delia F. Washburn,	Carver.
Dec. 5	Henry W. Sears,	"	Martha S. Pickens,	Middleboro.
13	William Say,	"	Amanda Millard,	"
20	Henry L. Dunham,	"	Sarah J. Young,	"
22	Warren O. Towle,	"	Mrs. Laura H. Pope,	"
24	Norman M. Dermid,	"	Emma F. Pratt,	"

## BIRTHS.

*Registered in Middleboro' in 1883.*

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
Jan. 7	Minnie Charlotte Landgrebe	Ferdinand and Minnie C. J.	Willig.
18	Joseph Riva,	Giaoto and Julia,	Barttar.
20	Walter Clifford Thomas,	Henry L. and Lillie L.,	Thomas.
28	Mattie Kingman Dunham,	Arad R. and Florence,	Smart,
28	Hattie Richmond Dunham,	Arad R. and Florence,	Smart,
30	Ella Rounseville Sherman,	Theodore T. and Sally A.,	Gibbs.
30	James Edward Doherty,	Neil and Ellen,	Murphy.
Feb. 2	Betsey Baker Bailey,	Luther S. and Lydia N.	Cook.
12	Polly Jane Clark,	George S. and Mary E.	Henderson.
12	Erroll Woodis Maxin,	Winslow S. and Clara J.	Pinkham.
19	Francis Carver,	Orlando F. and Ella C.	Britton.
25	Lena Jane Parry,	Arthur J. and Louisa S. J.	Ritter.
Mar. 8	Frank Leslie Murphy,	John and Bridget,	Lane.
10	Alpheus Jefferson Carpenter	Rufus and Philinda A.	Gibbs.
12	Fuller,	and Ida F.	Fuller.
14	John Leonard Maxin,	Samuel R. and Julia E.	Conway.
14	Carrie Etta Tribou,	Charles H. and Etta M.	Batchelder.
15	Mable Ermina Carter,	Thomas and Edith A.	Morse.
16	James Henry Creeden,	Timothy F. and Ellen,	Sullivan.
23	Annie Lauretta Tinkham,	Charles A. and Annie L.	Bradley.
Apr. 17	Edith Abbie Darling,	John W. and Jane,	Freeman.
18	Chester Wilcox Roberts,	James F. and Faustina F.	Wilcox.
21	Cassidy,	Robert and Ellen,	Bell.
23	Brett,	George L. and Emma L.	Snow.
May 11	Ellis,	Herbert L. and Ella,	Benson.
14	Grace May Clark,	Charles D. and Mary C.	Taylor.
19	Charles Henry Goodwin,	William H. and Lizzie J. P.	Lovell.
22	Hattie Lincoln Weeks,	Alvin and Mary L.	Glidden.
23	Laura Julien Eaton,	Alexander and Lizzie F.	Alden.
31	Thomas Doherty,	Edward F. and Catharine F.	Connor.
June 2	Marg't Ella Sanford Weston,	William S. and Ellen R.	Fuller.
4	James Kendall Glidden,	Amasa R. and Mary,	Pickens.
5	Lettie Elenor Shurtleff,	James F. and Lettie,	Harrington.
9	Helen May Tobey,	Francis H. and Clara E.	Farnsworth.
10	Mercy Estella Keyes,	Samuel B. S. and Mary E.	Bennett.
13	Hattie Esther Donnell.	Hartley and Ella F.	Buzzell.
18	Fred Winslow Briggs,	Charles H. and Emma N.	Osborn.
20	Arther Eureka Toole	Michael O. and Catharine,	Murphy.
21	Idella Eveline Raymond,	Frederick R. and Abbie R.	Johnson.
July 14	Lena Adeline Richmond,	Elisha B. and Adeline M.	Billis.
17	Betsey Alden,	Arthur B. and Mary H.	Soule.
18	Charles Fred'k Ratcliffe,	Will H. and Emma,	Winfield.
Aug. 4	Nellie Gurney Marcy,	William E. and Flora A.	Gurney.
13	George Hart Chase,	Frank S. and Frances L.	Hart.
13	Wayland Fairbanks Chase,	Fred P. and Lucy C.	Chase.
16	Ray Lloyd Perkins,	Lloyd 2nd and Lizzie C.	Turner.
17	Arthur Clifton Smith,	Albert W. and Mary F.	Hagen.
Sept. 1	Harlow,	Simeon and Lucy A.	Griffith.
6	Joseph Nelson Stevens,	Joseph and Elizabeth,	Nelson.
7	Lorenzo Theodore Miller,	Andrew W. and Sarah H.	Williams.
10	Isabel Morton Smith,	Earl T. and Sarah B.	Cobb.
10	Helen May Morrill,	Elmer E. and Agnes,	Brady.
12	Lottie Bradford Wood,	William W. and Annie S.	Bennett.
14	Ethel May Brooks,	Frank H. and Lucy D.	White.
15	Grace Mable Baxter,	Elijah and Lillie F.	Landers.
18	Ethel Warren Dunham,	Charles H. and Susan,	Sweet.
20	Ryder,	John H. and Eliza F.	Gibbs.
Oct. 3	Everett Leslie Burnham,	George A. and Rachel A.	Breach.

## BIRTHS

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DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENT.	MATEEN NAME.
	4 Luke Kelley,	Michael H. and Mary A.	Callan.
	5           Maranville,	Charles and Elmira J.	Haskell.
	6 Ruth Walker Hunt,	George W. and Susan A.	Crawford.
	6 Elizabeth Mildred Haskins,	George H. and Katie A.	McCormick.
	8 Nellie Agnes Sullivan,	John D. and Alice,	Manning.
	13 Robert Figot,	Robert and Emma,	Rudolph.
	26 Mabel Elizabeth Robbins,	Joseph W. and Annie,	Maccully.
	29 Lillie Frances Bonney,	George E. and Susan F.	Raymond.
Nov.	3 Rose Anna Collins,	William W. and Fidelia,	Gay.
	8 Ralph Sherman De Moranville	Josiah and Eliza J.	Rogers.
	13 Chester Arthur Washburn,	Foster and Emma B.	Shaw.
	18 Ethel Mildred Marvill,	Albert and Emily,	Harrison.
	19           Elliott	Albert W. and Lillie R.	Lane.
	20 Minnie Estella Shaw,	Francis H. and Martha W.	Atwood.
	30 William Keley,	Dennis and Winfred	Spellman.
	30 Myrta Lee Barrows,	Lewinn A. and Elnora,	Bumpus.
Dec.	1           Glidden,	Alonzo G. and Ellen M.	Downing.
	2 Maud Baker Perry,	John F. and Josie B.	shaw.
	2 Joseph Benard Bochme	Charles and Mary,	O'Conner.
	2           Daley,	John and Eliza,	Mareship.
	2 Florence Bell Meserve,	William and Mary E.	Abbott.
	5 Lucius Harrison Raymond,	Marcus M. and Mary F.	Shurtleff.
	11           Chase,	Ezra F. and Clara A.	Robbins.

## DEATHS

*Registered in Middleboro' in 1883.*

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE..
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	2 Levi S. Cannon,	3	9		Meningetis,
	9 George Atwood,	92	4	24	Old Age.
	19 Silas White,	69	9	14	Softening of Brain.
	25 Mrs. Eliza Winslow,	50	6	22	Heart Disease,—Dropsy.
	24 George B. Wood,	37	6		Consumption.
	26 Mrs. Susan Shaw,	86			Heart Disease.
	27 Jeremiah McCarty,	60			Fracture of Thigh & internal injuries
	30 Abishai Miller,	73	7	8	Peritonitis.
Feb.	10 Abiel Wood,	81	6	17	Rheumatism of Heart.
	16 Samuel W. Clark,	62	6	23	Shock.
	17 Mrs. Sarah B. Cushman	67	7	4	Heart Disease.
	20 Sarah S. Shurtleff,	77	8	7	Shock.
	25 Annie E. Caswell,	2	6	21	Pneumonia.
Mar.	9 Frederick Werner,	61	10	1	Cancer,—Erysipilas.
	9 Lois Barrows.	79		10	Bright's Disease.
	13 Mrs. Mary A. Chase,	76		5	Paralysis of Heart.
	15 Mrs. Saba A. Comstock	78	8	10	Paralysis.
	15 Levi Norveill,	49	4	14	Consumption.
	19 Harvey Smith,	77	8	18	Old Age,—Softening of Brain.
	21 Abby L. Sparrow,	26	1	15	Psoas Absess,
	23 Mrs. Mary C. Barrows,	87	11		Old Age.
	24 Rose Collins,	23	8		Consumption.
	30 William H. Wood,	71	5	6	Dyspepsia.
	31 Reuel Atwood,	68	7	26	Heart Disease.
Apr.	1 Mrs. Jane Booth,	84			Pneumonia.
	13 Eber Beals,	84		13	Apoplexy.
	24 Mrs. Mary E. Bryant,	31	2	30	Consumption.
	25 Clara E. Pomeroy,	23			Congestion of Brain.
	26 Loring Bryant,	78	5	28	Liver disease.
	27 Mrs. Sarah R. Briggs,	46	7		Cancer.
May	1 Calvin Southworth,	75	10	2	Old Age.
	2 Anna M. Herman,	17	8	18	Scrofula Rheumatism.
	6 Mrs. Catharine F. Norris	23			Puerperal Convulsions.
	11 Mrs. Lucy T. Barrows,	80		4	Paralysis—Exhaustion.
	14 Henry C. Kingman,	20	1	23	Drowned.
	24 Horatio Barrows,	59		14	Peritonitis.
	28 Susie M. Alden,	1	6	27	Congestion of Lungs.
June	8 Mrs. Lettie A. Shurtleff	24	9		Convulsions.
	18 Mrs. Maria E Ramsdell	60	2	18	Heart disease.
	26 Andrew S. Nye,	77	3	8	Diabetes.
	29 Alice Driscoll,	4			Cholera Infantum.
	29 Charles H. Washburn,	1	4	13	Brain Disease.
July	9 Stillman Benson,	77	6	8	Dropsy.
	15 Charles S. Stratton,	45	6	11	Apoplexy.
	21 Mrs. Abigail R. Soule,	81	3	1	Apoplexy.
	22 Mrs. Betsey C. Lucas,	77	8	2	Spinal Injury.
	24 Mrs. Polly Clark,	75	6	8	Heart Disease.
	26 Carmillia M. Silba,	8		18	Cholera Infantum,
	31 Michael Casey,	65			Shock.
Aug.	3 Mrs. Mary A. Alden,	52	6	3	Tumor.
	10 Mrs. Mary A. Russel.,	60			Inflammation of Brain.
	10 Robert B. Hatch,	52	10	5	Injury.
	10 Juliet L. Rich,	21	2		Consumption.
	13 Reuben G. A. Payne,	1		11	Congestion of Brain.
	14 Bertha A. Silba,	1	10	6	Cholera Infantum.
	18 Ethel S. Hathaway,	3		23	Congestion of Brain.
	18 William F. Molloy,	19	11	16	Inflammation of Bowels.
	19 Thomas Doherty,	2		19	Cholera Infantum.
	21 Freddie W. Leonard,	2		15	Infantile.
	22 Mrs. Hannah G. Tinkham	72		8	Old Age.
	25 William Taylor,	36			Consumption.

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DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Aug. 25	Chester W. Roberts,		4	7	Cholera Infantum
31	Mrs. Matilda Perkins,	73	1	21	Apoplexy.
Sept. 2	Mrs. Alice J. Savery,	32		13	Hemorrhage.
2	Sophronia Chamberlain	81	8		Dysentery.
5	John C. McMann,			17	Infantile Diarrhoea.
6	William W. Collins,	1			Cholera Infantum.
21	James Martin,	44			Bright's Disease.
23	Southworth Gammons,	86			Old Age.
30	Mrs. Olivia Alden,	78	4	11	Injury.
Oct. 8	Alice A. Washburn,		10		Dysentery.
10	Jonathan Soule,	77	6	16	Old Age.
10	Frank L. Swift,	17	5	19	Peritonitis.
16	Susan F. Barrows.	66	10	19	Heart failure.
22	Horace M. Leach,	32	11	12	Consumption.
25	Mrs. Mary B. Alden,	56	1	15	Apoplexy.
Nov. 6	Abbott W. Shiverick,	35	1		Consumption.
8	Mrs. Ann N. Tisdale,	71	3		Consumption.
Dec. 4	Glidden.			4	Hemorrhage.
4	Henry Hartwell	24	4	16	Inflammation of Bowels.
10	Maltiah R. Clark,	43	1	5	Heart Disease.
17	Arthur C. Smith,		5	10	Congestion of Lungs.
23	Augustus J. Tinkham.	13	2	12	Consumption.
26	Andrew L. Alden,	79	1	22	Bronchitis—Diarrhoea.



# SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births and Deaths recorded in Middleboro for the year 1883.

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1883,	70
Oldest Groom 77. Oldest Bride 63.	
Youngest Groom 19. Youngest Bride 16.	
First marriage of 122 persons. 58 Males. 64 Females.	
Second " " 16 " 11 " 5 "	
Third " " 2 " 1 " 1 "	
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140 " 70 couples.	

## BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1883,	81
Males 39. Females 42.	

## DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1883,	88
Males 46 Females 42.	

## AGES.

Still-born,	4 Under one year,	9
Between 1 and 5 years,	8 Between 10 and 20 years,	4
" 20 " 30	8 " 30 " 40 "	6
" 40 " 50 "	5 " 50 " 60 "	5
" 60 " 70 "	10 " 70 " 80 "	19
" 80 " 90 "	9 " 90 " 100 "	1

## DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed,	290
Males 273. Females 17.	

C. T. THATCHER, Town Clerk.

# Vote of Middleboro',

NOVEMBER, 1883.

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## *For Governor.*

	Votes.
George D. Robinson, of Chicopee,	567
Benjamin F. Butler, of Lowell,	394
Charles Almy, of New Bedford,	11

## *For Lieutenant Governor.*

Oliver Ames, of Easton,	575
James S. Grinnell, of Greenfield.	338
Nathaniel S. Cushing, of Middleboro,	56
John Blackmer of Springfield,	7
John Blackmer,	1

## *For Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

Henry B. Peirce, of Abington,	580
Charles Marsh, of Springfield,	340
Nicholas Furlong, of Boston,	51
Solomon F. Root, of Douglass,	7

## *For Treasurer and Receiver-General.*

Daniel A. Gleason, of Medford,	580
Charles H. Ingalls, of North Adams,	340
Hiram W. K. Eastman, of Lawrence,	51
Thomas J. Lothrop, of Taunton,	7

## *For Auditor.*

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield,	580
John Hopkins, of Millbury,	340
Arad H. Wood, of Lunenburg,	51
Jonathan Buck, of Gloucester,	7

## *For Attorney General.*

Edgar J. Sherman, of Lawrence,	579
John W. Cummings, of Fall River,	340
George Foster, of Lynn,	51
Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden,	7

## *For Councillor, First District.*

Jonathan Bourne, of New Bedford,	578
Thomas B. Chase, of Harwich,	392
Perley M. Griffin, of East Bridgewater,	7
Matthew H. Cushing, of Middleboro,	1

## *For Senator, First Plymouth District.*

Peleg McFarlin, of Carver,	577
Samuel Loring, of Duxbury,	398

***For County Commissioner.***

	Votes.
Charles R. Paine, of Halifax,	574
Van R. Swift, of Bridgewater,	389
Nathan Beal, of Rockland,	7

***For Special County Commissioners.***

Charles W. Seymour, of Hingham,	587
Obed Delano, of Marion,	580
George J. Cushing, of Hingham,	113
John S. Loring, of Duxbury,	391
George Cushing, of Hingham,	278
Weston Howland, of Mattapoisett,	7

***For District Attorney for South-Eastern District.***

Everett C. Bumpus, of Quincy,	581
Otis L. Bonney, of Hanson,	346

***For Sheriff.***

Alpheus K. Harmon, of Plymouth,	585
Milton Alden, of Middleboro,	391
James Cole, of Middleboro,	1

***For Register of Probate and Insolvency.***

John C. Sullivan, of Middleboro,	611
Edward E. Hobart, of Bridgewater,	290
Daniel E. Damon, of Plymouth,	11
Daniel S. Damon, of Plymouth,	1
D. E. Damon,	1
J. C. Sullivan, of Middleboro,	1

***For Register of Probate.***

Edward E. Hobart, of Bridgewater,	45
Daniel E. Damon, of Plymouth,	8
J. Sullivan,	1

***For Commissioners of Insolvency.***

Charles W. Sumner, of Brockton,	580
Hosea Kingman, of Bridgewater,	575
Arthur Lord, of Plymouth,	580
Otis L. Bonney, of Hanson,	347
William W. Wilkins, of Brockton.	340
William Savery, of Carver,	391
Otis L. Bonney, of Kingston,	50
W. W. Wilkins, of Brockton,	51
Loyed E. Chamberlain, of Brockton,	7
Daniel E. Damon, of Plymouth,	7

***For Representative, Seventh Plymouth District.***

Albert T. Savery, of Middleboro,	583
Charles W. Turner, of Middleboro,	388
A. F. Savery, of Middleboro,	1

## TOWN WARRANT.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

To James Cole, or either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough,  
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all of the Inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the TOWN HALL, in said town, on Monday, the Third day of March next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz.:

ART. 1st To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2nd. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. The following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz.: Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and Fish Wardens.

ART. 3d. To vote upon the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. Ballots to be "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

ART. 4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the present year.

ART. 5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town the present year, and determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated.

ART. 6th. To choose a Board of Auditors to examine claims against the Town, and order the payment of the same.

ART. 7th. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and report the condition of the treasury.

ART. 8th. To vote to pay the Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.

ART. 9th. To dispose of the Town right to take Alewives the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 10th. To see if the Town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen Field Drivers shall be Town Pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they also be chosen Pound Keepers.

ART. 11th. To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse, and act anything thereon.

ART. 12th. To allow accounts against the Town, and act anything thereon.

ART. 13th. To take action in relation to clearing the highways of snow the present year.

ART. 14th. To hear and act on the reports of any officers or Committees of the Town.

ART. 15th. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 16th. To see if the Town will vote to pay a part of the expense of a Night Watch at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

ART. 17th. To dispose of the money received for dog licenses, the present year, and act anything thereon.

ART. 18th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate one hundred dollars to be expended by Post S Grand Army of the Republic, on Memorial Day.

ART. 19th. To act on the list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 20th. To see if the Town will vote to pay a part of the expense of sprinkling the streets at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

ART. 21st. To see if the Town will appropriate any money to defray the expense of prosecuting crime within the same, and act anything thereon.

ART. 22d. To take action in reference to regulating the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester and Freetown, and enforce the provisions of the said lease.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant, and of your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Middleborough this 16th day of February, A. D. 1884.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	{	Selectmen
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		of
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING,		Middleboro.







ANNUAL REPORT  
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in Blackstone than in the statistical tables of the Annual Report of the Board of Education. And the clergyman could not justly be branded as chief of sinners for absenting himself from the Teachers' Institute or Convention to make a few pastoral calls. The fact is, a man's particular business—that by which he subsists—demands, nay, instinctively commands his first consideration.

And who will say that the expenditure of eleven thousands of the town's money, and the sacred interests of eight hundred pupils in process of training for responsible positions in town, state and nation, are not worthy of somebody's *first thought*? Imagining only profound silence in the presence of this question, and believing in the intent of the town to walk in wisdom's ways, we render this account, not only with the warm desire, but with earnest expectation that we may no longer be stewards of these matters.

This expectation would deepen into a positive conviction, were we sure all the voters at our town meeting fully realize and appreciate the fact that this is

### MIDDLEBORO,

and not Halifax, or Plympton or Rochester. Why, Hull with her two schools and sixty pupils is provided for after the same manner as Middleboro with her twenty-two schools and more than fourteen times as many scholars. And wherefore? Forsooth, because it costs a few hundred dollars less—*five* at the most; because a Superintendent for our schools would increase our tax eighteen cents on a thousand dollars. In matters private no one would hesitate a moment what to do. The most parsimonious among us would not think of employing the village smith to tinker his watch, though he might do it for half price. And is that a less objectionable economy which

delegates to others than a specialist in educational circles the direction and management of our schools?

Surely this is not the style of economy practised by our successful farmers. To quote from our last report:— They make outlays in the spring knowing full well that abundant return will come with the harvest. They need not be told it is folly to withhold all top-dressing. Let not their wisdom forsake them in town meeting, Let them *top-dress* their appropriation for schools by voting an additional *five* hundred dollars for the securing of a Superintendent, and reap the *incalculable benefit* to be derived from this almost *inappreciable increase* of expenditure.

It will be remembered that the town, at an adjourned meeting, instructed the Committee to recommend, if possible, in their report, a suitable person for the position of Superintendent to be had for one thousand dollars,—or something to that effect. This you will see we cannot very well do, as it calls for a more thorough investigation than the present uncertainty of the case will warrant. The selection of the right man demands the utmost care and precaution, for the wrong man, it must be confessed, would be worse than none. But we can say, that through inquiry and correspondence, we are convinced of a reasonable certainty that a man of ability and experience can be secured for a thousand dollars.

### SCHOOLROOMS.

Failing to secure the second floor in the Academy building for a second term, your Committee think they were fortunate in hiring the lower hall for only twenty dollars more than they were formerly paying for the little inconvenient room up stairs—that is, for eighty dollars a year, making \$200 for all the lower floor of the Academy.

This is more room than we need just now, but as the small part in actual use renders the rest worthless for other purposes, it could be had for little less than the whole. This additional school will account for the greater part of the increased expenditure over the previous year in No. 18.

Neither is this the only district in need of better accommodation than the town at present furnishes. There is an imperative and immediate necessity that Wappanucket have a

### NEW SCHOOLHOUSE.

Three years ago your Committee reported to the town that the school-house in this district (No. 16) was going to general decay and was not worth extensive repairs. They then considered it only a question of time how soon we should be obliged to erect a new building. We are now of opinion that the time has come when there should be a new house in this district, regarding it injudicious to maintain a school in the old one another winter. A house large enough for present, and, we think, for all future requirements, could be built at an expense not exceeding one thousand dollars. This would not levy a tax of over forty cents on a thousand--a sum so small that even the most censorious could not object because of the expense.

So much do the future health, vigor, taste and moral principles of the pupils depend upon the position, arrangement and construction of the school-house, that everything about it is important. Our children's characters, their intellectual relish or discernment, and in fact, their whole demeanor, will be moulded and shaped, more or less, by the condition of the school-houses in which the greater part of their early lives is spent. Every school-room should be a place of agreeable resort, calculated to con-

nect pleasant associations with study. It is therefore important that we erect and maintain convenient, healthful and pleasant school buildings, where our children spend so much of their time, and where the impressions they receive may shed a soft influence on their whole lives.

### IMPROVEMENTS.

We live in an ever changing world, and your Committee have aimed to move along with it when such motion seemed to themselves to be progressive. One such advance you will perceive in the earlier appearance of this Report. To give it you before the March meeting, we were obliged to leave the third term a blank in the statistical table, as the term is not yet finished. With this single exception you will find the report complete for the year, and these figures will also appear in their place a year hence.

The several terms and vacations have been so arranged that our financial year will close on the 31st day of December, which insures the prompt appearance of the committee's report in the future. The change from three terms of twelve weeks each is simply this: the first or winter term will open on the first Monday of January, continue ten weeks, and be followed by a variable vacation of four or five weeks; the second or spring term will also be ten weeks long and will be followed by either nine or ten weeks vacation, that depending upon the length of the preceding vacation; the third or fall term will begin on the first Monday in September, and after sixteen weeks session, close on the Friday before Christmas for a holiday rest of two weeks.

The advantages of the change are, we believe, far more than that which gives our report at an earlier date.



Our schools, we are persuaded, will so accomplish more and better work, especially in the fall and winter terms, which before have been very much broken by the holidays. As already intimated, our present financial account, to make it cover a full school year, includes two months of the present term, which same will necessarily appear a second time in our next report. But this will cause no confusion, as each report will be for a complete year in itself.

We do not all look through the same eyes, and no one is the worse for that. Your Committee intend always to act from a four-sided view of all questions, and it is not strange that any, who will not see more than one side, should judge some of their supposed improvements as retrograde progression. During the year two schools have been discontinued, probably not with entire satisfaction to all; and a third found itself without enough pupils to sustain its life during the last term.

Your Committee have yet to be persuaded that it is not an *improvement* for the pupils and all concerned, to have one school united with another, when either has dropped in its attendance to less than ten scholars. The larger number in class recitation intensifies the pupil's interest and spurs him on to greater diligence, other things being equal. Moreover, the multiplied duties of the situation warrant the payment of more for a teacher, and so secures greater efficiency in that position. We think an unprejudiced look at all sides of this question will satisfy every one that the course pursued is the way of wisdom. We have yet another *new departure* to chronicle, but lest we seem to invite unpleasant comparisons, we change the subject of our remarks to the

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Fearing to risk a change of teachers, your Committee spared no effort to secure the return of the former instructor. Their offer was not only liberal, but what it was feared the town might consider extravagant. It was found, however, that others had more money than we, and so a change became necessary. After careful deliberation it was agreed among ourselves that many a good female teacher could fill the position, and *well*. We thought ourselves fortunate in engaging a Miss Marshall, of Nantucket, who at the last moment—only four days before the school was to open—communicated to us her inability, because of sickness, to meet her engagement. Before the close of the week, an arrangement was made with Miss Arnold, to give up her situation at St. Johnsbury, Vt., and enter upon the duties of our Grammar school the following week. Your Committee have no cause to regret their choice, and sincerely believe that in this they have made no mistake.

In time past, by one and another, an unfavorable comparison has been made between the

## HIGH SCHOOL

and the Grammar grade. The opinion has been expressed that the former received an undue amount of the appropriation. We therefore thought best to put the expense of each side by side in the financial account. By reference to those figures it will appear that the difference is less than five hundred dollars. Deduct the amount of tuition received at the High school, and the excess is only \$242.76. Still further reduce this by \$86.84, the amount paid for the two weeks longer session of the High school, and you have a difference of little more than \$150. We think the town that can get its Latin, and Greek, and

French, and sciences *well* taught for so little more than it expends for Grammar school drill in the common branches, is, to say the least that can be said, not very unfortunate.

Some special interest has of late been manifest concerning the required terms of

### ADMISSION TO THE HIGH SCHOOL,

This has been by examination in the common branches—Arithmetic (White's) to cube root, Geography, U. S. History and elementary Grammar complete. The required per cent. has been an average of .75 in all, and not less than .65 in any study. Thus .95 in one is .20 more than is required for passing in that, and this surplus is transferred to any other study or studies in which the pupil may be less proficient, provided in it or them his standing is up to .65. It has also been proposed to admit hereafter on condition that the pupil in any one study, does not fall below .50 when the other three average .75. This latter provision, however, has not yet been fully determined upon. With a second trial, always given, these terms, to your Committee, seem very reasonable. The question, nevertheless, has arisen,—why not admit on probation, by simple recommendation from the teacher as to ground thoroughly mastered by the pupil? We think this might work well with our Grammar school, but the conditions outside of the village are such that this plan could not well be put in operation. The frequent and irregular changes of teachers would often leave some without one competent to recommend. And if we require such to pass an examination, and others not, we shall be discriminating in favor of the latter, and so would justly incur the displeasure of the former. The way that does

not meet all the difficulties presented is not the proper solution of the problem.

### TEXT BOOKS.

Some may be interested to know what school books are used in town. They are White's Arithmetic, Warren's Geography, Harvey's Revised Grammar, Swinton's Readers, White's System of Drawing, and the Graphic Copy Books, recently introduced. This is a satisfactory list, with one exception. There is a new and much better edition of White's Arithmetic, issued since their introduction into town. The change must come sooner or later, but we feared it might seem like piling Ossa upon Pelion, did we add this heavy expense to the already large bill for school supplies.

In No. 18, where the classes are such as to admit of interchange, and where supplementary reading is a necessity, the town also owns several dozens each of McGuffey's, Appleton's, and Lippincott's Readers. Higginson's History is also on trial in two schools, with a view to introduction, if the committee shall hereafter think best. With these two exceptions, the books are uniform throughout town.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

You will notice that the supply account is more than double the amount of appropriation. Still, your Committee believe they have been economical to a fault. It would have been less expensive to have exchanged Histories and Arithmetics when the first purchases were made, but that would have increased the expenses several hundreds of dollars. In time the town must purchase and own this number of books—one for each scholar, but your Committee thought best to scatter the burden through

several years, rather than saddle it upon the town all at once, as we learn of several Committees doing.

We have furnished only what we were absolutely obliged to provide by law, requiring pupils to use whatever supplies they might have on hand. We have not yet been to the expense of providing in each school a case for the preservation and safe keeping of the town's property. That must come this year, which will probably make this account fully as large for the year to come as for that past. You will notice, however, that the other

### APPROPRIATIONS

are more than enough in excess to cancel the deficiency in this. We would therefore submit our estimates for the same amount as last year, only in a little modified form :

Support of Schools, . . .	\$9500.00
Incidental Expenses, . . .	1000.00
For School Supplies, . . .	1000.00

This does not cover the deficiency in the supply account for the past year. It only provides for the coming year what is expected will be needed for its current expenses, and in the form they will take. If the town care for a running account with the School Committee, such as they have had for years, it might be well to pass a vote to make the deficiency good; for, at the most, it was only a very poor guess out of untried experiences, that put so low an estimate upon the probable cost of one year's school supplies. Whether we have enough or less appropriated by the town, the law says we *shall* provide for the wants of all our pupils, leaving your Committee no option in this matter, however much they may desire to keep within the limits prescribed by the town. As we have intimated above, the expense for supplies will not be reduced to a minimum until the town owns all books used



in the schools; for new promotions will occur each year that will demand a new supply. After that, the expense will be simply for whatever is consumed or worn out. This, according to the experience of cities where the method has been in operation several years, will average from fifty to sixty-five cents for each pupil, or not far from five hundred dollars a year for our schools.

Below we give a list of High school graduates for the classes of '83 and '84—the former by mistake not appearing in our last report.

CLASS OF '83.

*Four years English and Classical.*

GEORGE H. SMITH, WINTHROP K. TINKHAM.

*Four years English*—WILLIAM E. CROSBY.

*Three* " " JOHN M. DEANE.

CLASS OF '84.

*Four years English and Classical.*

ROSE M. EASTMAN, ARTHUR E. SHAW.  
CARLTON K. SPARROW, CHARLES A. SHAW.

*Four years English.*

KATE J. ALDEN, MINNIE I. COPELAND,  
LIZZIE N. FENNO, ALICE W. OSBORNE,  
CARRIE L. SOUTHWORTH, NELLIE F. THOMAS,  
JENNIE A. TRIPP, ELMER L. WASHBURN,

OLIVE C. WILBUR.

*Three years English.*

JENNIE BENNETT, JENNIE L. DUNHAM,  
IRENE L. SOULE.



## ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during one or both of the Spring and Fall terms, which alone are included in this report. Those marked by s for Spring and f for Fall, indicate the term they were present every day. Those not marked were present every day of both terms.

Georgiana Lee, Phebe Maxim, f	NO. 2.	Addie F. Washburn, Jennie Washburn, f
	Frank Lee. f	
Annie Dunham, s	NO. 3.	Allie Shaw, f
	Eddie Rudolph. f	
Fred B. Weston, Louisa A. Morse, s	NO. 8.	Joseph E. Wrightington, Lucy S. Weston, s
	Granville E. Tillson. f	
Arthur C. Thomas, Lottie A. LeBaron, f John Benson, s	NO. 10.	Louis E. LeBaron, Harry O. LeBaron, s Frank Short. s
	NO. 11.	Herbert F. Atwood, s. John E. Atwood, s
Flora W. Atwood, s Hattie A. Atwood, s	Mabel B. Gammons. s	
Mattie Ellis, Annie B. Maxim, f Jennie G. Shurtleff, f	NO. 12.	Emily A. Fuller, f Lucretia B. Shurtleff, f Katie W. Ryder, f
	NO. 13.	Rena W. Dunham. Addie Smith, Harland A. Ryder, Bessie F. Merrihew, s Clinton B. Gates, s Lucy E. Merrihew. s
Flora A. Atwood, Laura A. Atwood, Harlas L. Cushman, Della L. Barrows, s Annie B. Gifford, s Mamie E. Doherty, f	NO. 14.	Minnie Bishop, s Maud Kane, s Annie Marshall, s Hannah Thomas, s Albert Elliot, s
Lizzie Thomas, tardy twice. Bessie Thomas, " Chester Bisbee. " Bertie Thomas, " Annie Thompson, s		

Clarence Thomas, s  
Beryl Raymond, f

Ellie Miller, f  
Frank Cobb, f

## NO. 16.

Lilla Gibbs,

Frank M. Gibbs. f

## NO. 17.

Clarence H. Ryder, s

Walter Clark. f

Alma J. Ryder. f

## NO. 18. SECOND PRIMARY.

Charlie Bourne,  
Herbert Cushing, s  
Mattie Hammond, s

Bertie Chase, s  
Harry Morrill, s  
Maud Church, s

## NO. 18. FIRST PRIMARY.

Alice Sullivan,  
Willie A. Taylor, s

Lizzie R. Sheehan, s  
Willie F. Day, s

Lizzie F. Belmont. f

## NO. 18. THIRD INTERMEDIATE.

Leroy E. Murdock,  
John T. Norris,  
Maud Willoughby, s  
Nellie Norris, s  
Leonard Tillson, s  
Robert Surrey, s  
Lizzie Harrington, f  
Westbrook Morrill, f  
John McDonald, f

Ruth Willoughby,  
George Bourne,  
Willie Ives, s  
Clara Towle, s  
Willie Adams, s  
Abbie Coughlin, f  
Nellie Kelley, f  
Willie Marcham, f  
Frank Surrey, f

Howard Ryder. f

## NO. 18. SECOND INTERMEDIATE.

John Luippold,  
George Tinkham, s  
Alton Hall, s  
Carrie Parker, s

George Nolan, tardy twice.  
Charlie Warren, s  
Thomas Belmont, f  
Etta Thomas. f

Willie Adams, f

## NO. 18. FIRST INTERMEDIATE.

Carrie W. Eaton,  
Arthur H. Tripp,  
Carrie A. Champlin,  
Stephen B. Crooker, s  
Mabel H. Monroe, f  
Sadie P. Ryder, f  
Nellie O'Connor, f  
Arthur B. Chase, f

Herbert A. Southworth,  
David R. Pierce,  
J. Lester Smith, s  
Katie A. Casey, f  
Annie M. Reed, f  
Lizzie B. Lucas, f  
Nellie H. Swift, f  
Hiram E. Harlow, f

Clifford L. Vaughan. f

## NO. 18. GRAMMAR.

Wallace Collins,  
 Florence Shaw,  
 John Sheehan,  
 E. L. LeBaron, s  
 Ernest Sherman, s  
 Willie Tillson, s  
 Myra Cushing, s  
 Mary Ryder, s  
 Willie Francis, f  
 Bertie Ellis, f  
 Eleanor Barden, f  
 Emma Perkins, f  
 Hattie Sylvester, f

Fannie Haskell.  
 Eben Shaw,  
 Fred Felt, s  
 Percie Thompson, s  
 Annie Brown, s  
 Lucy Lovell, s  
 Charles Weston, s  
 Rhoda Waterman,  
 Kimmie Hamson,  
 George Bump, f  
 Ida Soule, f  
 Joseph Shaw, f

## NO. 18. HIGH.

Annie H. Weston,  
 Julia E. Sheehan,  
 Lula B. Thomas,  
 Florence Robinson,  
 Melvin E. Thomas,  
 Bertha H. Champlin.  
 Nellie M. Bennett,  
 Virgil W. Thompson,  
 Irene L. Soule, s  
 Jennie Stetson, s  
 Florence Deane, f  
 Ida B. Shaw, f  
 Arthur E. Shaw, s  
 Walter L. Beals, f  
 William H. Dorigan, f  
 Mary E. Sampson, s  
 Lulie L. Cushman, s  
 Carrie E. Alden, f  
 Cora H. Phinney, f  
 Lucy S. Lovell, f  
 Carleton A. Sparrow, s  
 Harry S. Rogers, s  
 Alfred M. Elwell, s

Estelle B. Coombs,  
 Lillian B. Coombs,  
 Lillie M. Monroe,  
 Minnie W. Smith,  
 Omar H. Gibbs,  
 Mary H. Swift,  
 Herbert A. Blake,  
 Arthur B. Monroe,  
 Amelia C. Tinkham, s  
 Gertrude M. Janes, s  
 Maud E. Francis, f  
 Isabel S. Horr, f  
 Alton B. Atwood, f  
 Henry Soule, f  
 Rose M. Eastman, s  
 Jennie M. Bennett, s  
 Alice K. Thompson, s  
 Mary H. Soule, s  
 Rena B. Pratt, f  
 Alice C. Ryder, f  
 Mary E. Sherman, f  
 Lulie W. Thomas, f  
 Jethro Brown, f

Kate J. Alden. s

## NO. 21.

Chester Pratt. s

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber,	\$3 79
J. M. Coombs, printing Report,	23 75
Thomas Smith, stock and labor, No. 14,	4 00
C. L. Hathaway, inscribing H. S. diplomas,	4 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing programs for High school,	10 00
William W. Collins, beautifying Grammar school-room,	8 50
Rental of Peirce Academy,	194 00
H. H. Sylvester, printing,	10 00
F. E. Wood, repairing and painting of School street house,	87 00
Edson Ellis, stock and labor on School street fence, and other repairs,	25 90
H. A. Sparrow, labor and stock, No. 18,	11 23
L. F. Tinkham, grading and seeding School street yard,	13 53
J. H. Ryder, labor on lots 10, 12 and 13,	19 57
“ “ shingles for No. 12,	16 00
H. Chandler, laying shingles, No. 12,	12 35
J. H. Thomas, labor on lot, No. 8,	6 50
Carrol W. Clark, desks, No. 18,	71 04
W. H. Southworth, freight, carting and setting desks, No. 18,	12 76
J. K. & B. Sears, shingles, No. 6,	26 19
H. N. Wilbur, repairs and stock, No. 20,	8 23
J. G. Vaughan, grading, No. 19,	5 60
Repairs, No. 14,	60
H. N. Wilbur, repairs, No. 4,	4 50
S. C. Coffin, labor, No. 6,	2 75
Roland Bunker, labor, No. 21,	4 00

J. & G. E. Doane's bill,	40	39
Jones Bros., window shades,	8	77
F. W. Hayden, two school clocks,	3	40
F. B. Gibbs, sundries,	2	82
Geo. C. Richards, services as truant officer,	5	62
Simeon Harlow, partition in Academy,	14	63
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., outline maps,	126	00
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		\$787 42

### TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Rose M. Eastman,	10	98
Jennie Dunham,	10	98
Charles A. Shaw,	7	15
Irene L. Soule,	21	77
Jennie Bennett,	6	50
Melvin E. Thomas,	23	43
Alice C. Ryder,	17	76
Leila Thomas,	23	43
Lulie Thomas,	17	76
Harry S. Rogers,	17	76
Alton B. Atwood,	17	76
Omar H. Gibbs,	17	76
Nellie Bennett,	10	50
Annie H. Weston,	28	80
Eddie M. Thomas,	28	80
Florence Deane,	6	40
Charles Nichol,	10	45
Annie W. Gammons,	6	78
Lizzie M. Schouler,	6	78
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		\$291 55
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		\$1078 97

Amount appropriated for incidental expenses,	\$1000 00
From State Fund, expended for maps,	50 00
Amount unexpended last year,	193 14

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 \$1243 14

Balance unexpended,	\$164 17
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### EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

School No. 2	291 02
" 3	314 99
" 4	311 90
" 6	299 50
" 8	277 60
" 10	308 25
" 11	189 60
" 12	306 65
" 13	290 95
" 14	290 17
" 16	269 60
" 17	287 25
" 19	319 48
" 20	270 00
" 21	286 25
" 18 below Grammar,	2575 59
" 18 Grammar,	1177 24
" 18 High,	1650 00

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 \$9716 04

Paid for transportation from No. 22 to 18,	222 50
" " No. 1 to 2,	193 00
" " No. 15 to 6,	12 00

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Amount appropriated,	\$10000 00	
Balance received from State Fund,	151 21	
Received for High School tuition,	230 00	
Received tuition from Bridgewater,	18 75	
Balance unexpended last year,	318 26	
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		\$10719 22
Balance unexpended,		575 68

### SCHOOL SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

H. H. Sylvester, 300 blocks paper,	\$15 00
J. H. Willoughby, supplies for H. S.,	3 80
N. Y. & B. Despatch Express Co.,	7 90
Cowperthwait & Co.,	146 44
J. B. Lippincott & Co.,	83 87
Ginn, Heath & Co.,	15 75
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,	147 83
D. Appleton & Co.,	60 06
Clark & Maynard,	24 36
Charles H. Whiting,	28 34
Carl Schoenhof,	26 34
Warren P. Adams,	26 38
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.,	56 03
Carrol W. Clark,	24 46
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	40 02
William Ware & Co.,	9 20
Lee & Shepard,	47 80
J. L. Hammett,	7 23
H. A. Dickerman,	15 66
Harper & Brothers,	18 76
Harris & Rogers,	2 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., stock on hand	
and small supplies,	136 39
N. T. Dyer, cash advanced for supplies,	21 51

John Shaw, stock on hand,	102 46	
Shaw & Childs, stock on hand,	34 98	
J. M. Clark, copy books, stock in trade,	2 40	
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		\$1104 97
Received for sale of books to individuals,	16 86	
Sale of books to Lakeville,	17 12	
Amount appropriated,	500 00	
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		533 98
Amount overdrawn,		\$570 99

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of School.	Term.	Teachers.	Average M'mb'rship	Average Attendance	Wages per Month.	Cost of Fuel.	Cost of Janitor and care of House.
2	1	May H. Blackman, .....	17.6	15.3	\$28.00		
	2	Cora P. Lobdell, .....	21.4	18.6	32.00		
	3	" .....			32.00	\$11.62	\$5.00
3	1	Eva Vivian, .....	22	20.6	30.00		
	2	Mary E. Frink. 6w .....	27.9	21.8	34.00		
	3	" .....			34.00	15.19	7.50
4		Mary E. Frink.....					
	1	Charlotte Hezlitt. (6w) .....	36.8	30.7	32.00		
	2	Lizzie M. Prescott. ....	29.9	27	32.00		
6	3	" .....			32.00	17.50	8.00
		Estelle L. Whitney. ....	16.5	14.7			
	1	Hattie L. Blanden, (12w) .....			32.00		
8	2	Emma C. Sprague. ....	15.5	12.3	32.00		
	3	Annie Parker. ....			30.00	16.50	7.00
	1	Mrs. Sarah E. Paine.....	23	20	30.00		
10	2	Rose M. Eastman. ....	18	15	28.00		
	3	" .....			28.00	14.50	6.50
	1	Cora P. Lobdell. ....	28	26	32.00		
11	2	Charlotte Hezlitt. ....	28	21	32.00		
	3	G. C. Humphrey. ....			32.00	13.25	7.00
	1	Lottie E. Greenbank. ....	13	12	28.00		
12	2	Nellie F. Thomas. ....	6	5	28.00		
	3	School discontinued.					
	1	A. R. Cottle.....	24	20	32.00		
13	2	Bertha I. Mason. ....	25	23	32.00		
	3	" .....			32.00	13.25	7.00
	1	Lucia F. Keith. ....	36	33	32.00		
14	2	" .....	38	30	32.00		
	3	G. H. Smith. ....			32.00	3.25	4.50
	1	Julia Mansfield. ....	27.5	25.9	30.00		
16	2	" .....	26.8	25.1	30.00		
	3	" .....			30.00	14.67	7.00
	1	Annie B. Covell.....	13	12	30.00		
17	2	" .....	16	15	28.00		
	3	" .....			28.00	10.00	3.00
	1	Carrie F. Sampson. ....	16	13	30.00		
18	2	" .....	13	12	30.00		
	3	" .....			30.00	13.75	5.00
	1	John I. Rackliffe. ....	86	76	77.77		
Gram.	2	Sarah L. Arnold.....	79	75	77.77		
	3	" .....			83.33	60.80	238.75
	1	Lizzie J. Wilson. ....			30.00		
	2	" .....			36.00	Four rooms.	Nine rooms.
	3	" .....			40.00		

First Inter.	1	Annie A. Lovell, .....	78	68.3	\$40.00	\$63.53	
	2	" .....	86.5	81	40.00		
	3	" .....			40.00		Five rooms.
		Abbie F. Brett, .....			28.00		
Second Inter.	1	Cora F. Ellis, .....	43.3	36.9	40.00		
	2	" .....	31.4	28.8	40.00		
	3	E. F. Bartlett, (sub.)....			40.00		
		Cora F. Ellis, .....			40.00		
Third Inter.	1	Fannie W. Richards, ....	30.3	27.6	40.00		
	2	" .....	41.6	39.4	40.00		
	3	" .....			40.00		
First Prim.	1	Annie C. Hart, .....	52.9	47.6	40.00		
	2	" .....	54.3	47.2	40.00		
	3	" .....			40.00		
Second Prim.	1	Abbie A. Gurney, .....	87.8	72.5	40.00		
	2	" .....	75.4	67.4	40.00		
	3	" .....			40.00		
	1 & 2	Helen A. Nevers, .....			28.00		
	3	" .....			30.00		
	1	Lucia A. Drake, .....	27	22	32.00		
19	2	" .....	24.5	21.5	32.00		
	3	" .....			32.00	25.58	\$7.50
	1	Mrs. Cordie E. Pratt, ....	18.5	16.8	30.00		
20	2	" (7w) .....	20	18.1	30.00		
	3	Lillian M. Alden, (7w) .....			30.00		
	2	Lillian M. Alden, .....				11.50	7.00
21	1	Ruth C. Crowell, .....	12	11.1	28.00		
	2	Mrs. Sarah E. Paine, ....	14.2	11.9	30.00		
	3	" .....			30.00	16.75	5.00
High School.	1	J. H. Willoughby, .....	70	68.9	126.32		
	2	" .....	70.25	69.3	126.32		
	3	" .....			126.32		
	1, 2, & 3	Philena N. Folger, .....			47.37		

Number pupils between 5 and 15 years, in District No. 18, 406

Number pupils between 5 and 15 years, in other districts, 401

Number pupils in town between 5 and 15 years, 807

Number pupils in town between 8 and 14 years, 435

JAMES F. SHURTLEFF, }  
MRS. ADALINE V. WOOD, } School  
NATHAN T. DYER, } Committee.

# ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Trustees of the Middleboro Public Library.

FEBRUARY, 1885.

### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Trustees of the Public Library :

The eleventh Annual Report of the Public Library closes for the year, Feb. 1, 1885..

A strict account has been kept of the care and delivery of the books, and the record shows the Library open to the public 301 days, in which 22,061 volumes have been delivered, an increase of 3924 over last year. Daily average, 73+. The largest monthly circulation was in March, 1884, when 2230 were given out. Jan. 31st, 1885, 258 books were delivered, which is by far the largest number on record for any one day. Five other days during the year the daily circulation exceeded 175 each. 18 volumes have been discarded as unfit for use and are replaced by new ones. 203 volumes have been added, the Library at present numbering 3864. At this writing 38 books are in the hands of the binder to be rebound.

All books loaned have been returned with the exception of two, one being lost the full value has been received. the other was left in the cars and if not recovered will be made good by the loser.

Covered, numbered and labelled during the year, 2151 volumes.

254 cards have been issued since Feb. 1st, 1884.

A. K. THATCHER, Librarian.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand at last report,	\$29.36
Received from Town Treasurer, "dog money,"	499.60
Received from Town Treasurer, "other licenses,"	11.00
Received from fines during the year,	54.35
Received for catalogues sold,	2.40
Received for use of Library by non-residents,	3.00
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	\$599.71

Paid A. K. Thatcher, services as librarian, 200.00

John Shaw, for books, 122.03

Estes & Lauriat, for books, 112.61

D. Appleton & Co., for books, 6.00

Geo. W. Tryon, Jr., for books, 5.00

M. Garrison & Co., for books, 16.00

J. M. Coombs, supplementary catalogue, 21.00

H. H. Sylvester, library cards, 8.50

Wm. Allen, re-binding books, 32.60

For book rests and express on same, 2.33

For postage, express, stationery, etc., 2.67 528.74

Balance on hand, \$70.97



As will be seen by the report of the Librarian the work of the Library has been larger than in any previous year of its existence, and the amount of labor involved in its care and management can only be appreciated by those acquainted with its details.

When the Library was first open to the public in 1875 it was regarded almost in the light of an experiment. Since then its growth has not been rapid, but steady and substantial, so that now it has outgrown its accommodations and is much in need of more room. The present shelves in nearly all the classifications are crowded, and many valuable reports and documents are not catalogued for want of room to shelf them. Including these books the number now belonging to the Library is considerably more than 4000. Will not the citizens of the town see that their Library has a place such as befits its sphere of usefulness?

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees.

JOSEPH E. BEALS, Secretary and Treasurer.  
Middleborough, Feb., 1885.

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#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1884-5.

Term expires 1885.  
George Brayton,  
James M. Coombs,  
Joseph E. Beals,

Term expires 1886.  
E. Robinson,  
E. S. Hathaway,  
J. H. Willoughby,

Term expires 1887.  
Wm. R. Peirce, Pres.  
A. L. Westgate,  
W. H. Southworth.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
**Selectmen and Assessors,**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1ST, 1885.

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Voted by the Town for the support	
of schools,	\$10,000 00
Incidental school expenses,	1000 00
School books,	500 00
Support of poor,	4500 00
Support of insane,	1000 00
Repairs of highways,	5000 00
New roads and special repairs,	2000 00
Sidewalks, concreting walks,	1000 00
Town officers and incidental	
expenses,	2500 00
Town debt,	3000 00
Interest,	300 00
Clearing highway of snow,	400 00
Military aid,	600 00
Grand Army for decoration day,	100 00
Night watch,	366 00
Sprinkling streets,	200 00
Lighting street lamps,	100 00

Prosecution of crime,	300 00
Building Myrtle street,	150 00
Total voted by the town,	\$33,016 00
Less corporation and bank tax, estimated,	4716 00
Total voted to be assessed by town,	\$28,300 00
State tax,	\$3480 00
County tax,	2801 43
Overlayings,	1257 73
Total,	\$35,839 16
Omitted assessments,	111 60
Total committed to collector,	\$35,950 76

## HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

### NORTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Worked before June 15.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	Wm. B. Wood,	\$648 16	\$371 57	\$1019 73
" 2,	L. E. Thomas,	481 08	200 00	681 08
" 3,	J. G. Vaughan,	419 90		419 90
" 4,	Edwin Holmes,	93 85	71 25	165 10
" 5,	Augustus Pratt,	63 95	39 81	103 76
" 6,	E. G. Shaw,	3 15	64 05	67 20
" 7,	J. A. Shaw,	59 60	24 69	84 29
" 8,	Jos. W. Robbins.	143 91	3 25	154 36
" 8,	Albert F. Reed,		7 20	
		\$1,913 60	\$781 82	\$2695 42

### EAST SECTION.

" 1,	E. A. Shaw,	\$21 62	\$50 86	\$72 48
" 2,	J. W. Briggs,	57 28	3 15	60 43
" 3,	A. H. Soule,	123 32		123 32

" 4, H. E. Bryant,	44 85	67 50	112 35
" 5, E. E. Freeman,	46 05	37 08	83 13
" 6, R. F. Thompson,	98 44		98 44
" 7, H. A. Thompson,	49 95	80 38	130 33
" 8, Arad Covington,	61 13	15 23	76 36
" 9, Ezra Morse,	43 25	65 69	108 94
" 10, S. W. Bump,	91 75	45 50	137 25
" 11, Aaron Berry,	77 40	13 20	90 60
	<u>\$715 04</u>	<u>\$378 59</u>	<u>\$1093 63</u>

## SOUTH SECTION.

" 1, J. W. McFarlin,	\$80 00	\$62 89	\$142 89
" 2, S. T. Weston,	90 00	25 50	115 50
" 3, T. J. LeBaron,	147 00	54 75	201 75
" 4, C. D. Clark,	137 02	2 98	140 00
" 5, A. T. Clark Jr.,	109 50	34 30	143 80
" 6, H. N. Thomas,	125 23	22 12	147 35
" 7, J. H. Vaughan,	60 00	110 00	170 00
" 8, O. F. Carver,	122 30	27 70	150 00
" 9, G. S. Clark,	66 00	27 75	93 75
" 10, C. C. Tinkham,	58 95	24 51	83 46
" 11, J. H. Thomas,	77 71	13 95	91 66
" 12, Arad Thomas,	112 14	38 12	150 26
	<u>\$1185 85</u>	<u>\$444 57</u>	<u>\$1630 42</u>
Total,	<u>\$3814 49</u>	<u>\$1604 98</u>	<u>\$5419 47</u>

## NEW ROADS AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Paid Wm. B. Wood. for fence at shov-	
el works,	\$19 82
W. B. Wood, on Main and Water	
streets,	420 00

L. E. Thomas, for graveling Cambridge street,	347	15	
L. E. Thomas, special repairs on Centre and Taunton streets,	498	83	
J. G. Vaughan, repairs on Plym- outh street,	122	48	
J. G. Vaughan, repairs on Cross and Maple streets,	13	50	
J. G. Vaughan, on Nemasket St.	40	00	
E. G. Shaw, on Pratt's bridge,	6	26	
Augustus Pratt, on Pleasant St..	18	50	
E. Thomas, on Barrows street,	2	80	
E. Sherman, for building Myrtle street,	74	00	
J. A. Shaw,	34	00	\$1597 34
A. H. Soule, on Soule and Brook streets,	27	21	
S. W. Bump, Muttock hill, etc.,	60	40	
R. F. Thompson, Plympton St.,	47	47	\$135 08
E. Sherman, for building a part of Highland street,	362	50	
C. D. Clark,	58	92	
J. H. Vaughan,	78	85	
O. F. Carver,	40	80	\$540 77
			<hr/> \$2273 19

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid L. F. Tinkham, for clearing snow and sanding sidewalks,	\$143	12
L. E. Thomas, for same,	46	05
Henry Parry, clearing snow,	4	65
Edwin Holmes,	9	00
J. A. Shaw,	5	10

Augustus Pratt,	5 00	
E. E. Freeman,	2 15	
Aaron Berry,	4 20	
Ezra Morse,	7 30	
S. W. Bump,	8 40	
H. E. Bryant,	3 30	
C. C. Tinkham,	1 80	
B. P. W. Lovell,	9 00	
C. D. Clark,	6 00	
S. T. Weston,	4 80	
J. H. Thomas,	11 52	
Geo. S. Clark,	14 40	
A. T. Clark, Jr.,	9 30	
Arad Thomas,	6 90	\$301 99

## SIDEWALKS.

Wm. B. Wood	\$330 00	
L. E. Thomas,	68 14	
Edwin Holmes,	29 55	
Augustus Pratt,	45 73	473 42

## CONCRETING.

Shiverick & Thomas, concreting on Main and Station streets,	963 58	
One-half to be paid by the abutt- ing owners,	481 79	481 79
Shiverick & Thomas, concreting street crossings on Center st.,	36 75	36 75
		\$991 96

## GRAVEL ACCOUNT.

Augustus Pratt,	4 70
Lewis Eaton,	7 00
Mrs. Adnah Jackson,	16 00



D. M. Smith,	6	24	
Edwin Holmes,	4	50	
E. M. Cole,	2	40	
J. G. Vaughan,	6	00	
Lucy Washburn,	2	70	
LeBaron Foundry Co., cinders,	20	00	69 54

### PAVING AND CLEANING STREETS.

M. O. Rounseville, paving gutters on Peirce and Center streets in '83 and '84,	103	40	
Wm. B. Wood, paving gutters,	78	43	
“ cleaning streets and gutters,	100	00	
Geo. C. Richards, setting curb stone on Main street,	5	00	286 83

### SPRINKLING STREETS.

N. B. Sherman,	100	00	
Joseph Carver,	100	00	200 00

### LIGHTING STREETS.

A. Baker, lighting street lamps,			96 00
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### PROSECUTION OF CRIME.

Geo. C. Richards, time and cash paid out,	225	00	
J. C. Sullivan, services prosecut- ing liquor cases,	75	00	300 00
Five cases tried, four convictions in the District Court, one dis- charged.			

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. T. Thatcher, town Collector and Treasurer,	\$450 00	\$450 00
Joseph T. Wood, selectman and assessor,	258 75	
Albert T. Savery, selectman and assessor for 17 months,	283 00	
Nathaniel S. Cushing, selectman and assessor,	177 50	\$719 25
C. B. Wood, overseer of poor,	23 75	
A. C. Wood, overseer of poor,	86 00	
S. Mendall, overseer of poor,	17 50	\$127 25
N. T. Dyer, school committee,	133 35	
J. F. Shurtleff, school committee,	81 12	
W. H. Southworth, “	170 62	
A. V. Wood, “	24 25	\$409 34
James Cole, constable,	26 90	
Milton Alden, constable,	40 12	\$67 02
L. M. Alden, truant officer,	10 00	
L. M. Alden, special police, “	50 00	
B. W. Bump, special police,	5 00	
S. Mendall, special police,	17 00	
S. Lovell, special police,	5 00	
C. C. Tinkham, special police,	4 00	
A. W. Bryant, special police,	1 00	\$159 02
N. King, moderator,	10 00	\$10 00
N. King, registrar of voters,	91 25	
C. W. Turner, “	91 25	
E. Ward, “	91 25	
C. T. Thatcher, “	91 25	\$365 00
Wm. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up,	10 00	\$10 00
		<hr/> \$1799 86

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid H. L. Thatcher, printing,	14 54	
H. H. Sylvester, type and cases for voting list,	69 00	
H. H. Sylvester, printing and adver- tising,	103 75	
J. M. Coombs, printing & advertising,	100 75	
“ printing town report,	48 75	
J. & G. E. Doane, drain pipe, etc.,	44 89	
T. W. Pierce, “	13 43	
H. W. Thayer, injury on Fuller st.,	15 00	
W. H. Southworth, surveying sts.,	20 25	
Milton Alden, time, and team with State Aid agent,	14 67	
Edwin Holmes, screen,	8 30	
Alden Miller, raising engine house on School street,	100 00	
James L. Jenney, $\frac{1}{2}$ cost raising walk etc. at the M. E. church,	25 92	
C. T. Thatcher, obtaining and record- ing marriages, deaths, etc.,	61 30	
George L. Soule, returning deaths,	16 50	
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber,	1 55	
		658 60

## WATER SUPPLY.

Voted by the town for the committee on Water Supply, in 1883,	300 00	
Paid Percy M. Blake for survey and report on Water Supply,		100 00
J. C. Sullivan, for services and cash paid out on Water Supply,	48 50	

M. H. Cushing, services and expenses paid out on Water Supply.

35 00

183 50

Voted by town for drainage, in 1883,

\$500 00

Paid Percy M. Blake, for surveys and plan for drainage,

300 00

### RECAPITULATION.

Paid for repairs of highways,	\$5419 47
New roads and special repairs,	2273 19
Snow bills,	301 99
Gravel,	69 54
Concreting,	518 54
Paving and cleaning streets,	286 83
Sidewalks,	473 42
Sprinkling streets,	200 00
Lighting street lamps,	96 00
Night Watch,	366 00
Prosecution of crime,	300 00
Town officers,	1799 86
Incidental expenses,	658 60
Board of Health,	97 00
Water Supply,	183. 50
Military Aid \$1205, $\frac{1}{2}$ paid by the State,	602 50

\$13,646 44

## ESTIMATE FOR A TAX FOR 1885.

For Support of schools,	\$10,000 00	
Incidental school expenses,	1000 00	
Support of poor,	4750 00	
Support of insane,	1000 00	
Repairs of roads and bridges,	5000 00	
New roads and special repairs,	2000 00	
Town officers and incidental expenses,	2500 00	
Payment of town debt,	2000 00	
Interest on town debt,	200 00	
Sidewalks and concreting walks,	1000 00	
Clearing highways of snow,	300 00	
Military Aid,	600 00	
Memorial Day,	150 00	
Night Watch.	366 00	
Sprinkling streets,	200 00	
Lighting street lamps,	100 00	
Prosecution of crime,	300 00	
New school-house at Wappanucket,	1000 00	
		\$32,466 00
Less corporation and bank tax,		4800 00
		<u>\$27,666 00</u>

## ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

## NORTH SECTION.

Polls	Personal Valuation	Real Valuation.	Total
1005	\$387,890.	\$1509,540.	\$1,897,430.

## EAST SECTION.

228	46,945.	313,985.	360,930.
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## SOUTH SECTION.

343	60,345.	405,225.	465,570.
<u>1566</u>	<u>\$495,180.</u>	<u>\$2,228,750.</u>	<u>\$2,723,930.</u>

	No. of Horses,	Cows,	Sheep,	Houses,	Acres.
In North Section,	322	223	10	627 $\frac{1}{2}$	9554
East section,	163	212	26	208	10,878
South section,	217	344	63	264	18,225
	<u>702</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>1099<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	<u>38,657</u>

Population of the town June 1st, 1880, 5237

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

### ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	4970 65
Due on taxes now in Collector's hands,	7228 48
From State for State Aid,	1514 00
From State for Military Aid,	602 50
On account of bills paid by Board of Health,	150 00
	<hr/> \$14,465 63

### LIABILITIES.

#### Due on Notes.

To Middleboro' Savings Bank, note given July 9, 1872, balance,	\$1000 00
To Middleboro' Savings Bank, note given Sept. 16, 1873,	1000 00
To Middleboro' Savings Bank, note given Aug. 13, 1880,	1600 00
To Thomas M. LeBaron, note given May 3, 1879,	350 00
To Sarah B. Cushing, note given July 22, 1879,	100 00
To William C. Swift, note given May 1, 1879,	100 00
To Mary L. Cornish, note given Apr. 17, 1880,	561 80



To William O. Cornish, note given	
April 21, 1880,	168 54
To Josiah T. Cornish, note given	
April 24, 1880,	144 87
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	5025 00
Interest about	100 00
Due teachers for present term, estimated,	2500 00
Due town officers and committees, estimated,	350 00
Probable loss on taxes,	500 00
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	8475 21
Balance of assets,	<hr/>
	\$5990 42

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid J. A. Burgess, services in looking after the sanitary condition of the village, ten days,	\$20 00
J. A. Burgess, assisting in preparing and burying two bodies in diphtheria cases,	10 00
Wm. B. Wood, for work on sewers and cleaning gutters, etc.,	67 00
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	\$97 00

In view of the danger of any epidemic or contagious diseases the present year, we feel it our duty to urge upon the people of the whole town the importance of attending to the cleansing of their cellars, vaults, cesspools, and all drains about their premises, and that they are thoroughly purified by the use of lime, carbolic acid, or other disinfectants, before the approach of warm weather, and that it be followed up through the warm season.

We trust that all will see the reasonableness of giving their attention to this subject, and will be ready to assist in carrying into effect any measures that may be thought best to adopt, and not wait to be notified by the Board of Health.

### FISH ACCOUNT.

Paid J. A. Burgess, for inspection at East Taunton,	130 00	
J. A. Burgess, time and expense, on account of hearing before fish committee of Legislature,	10 00	
E. A. Harlow, for labor taking fish and cash paid out,	74 95	
B. W. Bump, labor taking fish,	71 40	
H. L. Dunham, labor taking fish and cash paid out,	53 75	
G. E. H. Lovell, fish warden,	7 20	
J. T. Wood, fish warden and time and expense before fish committee,	14 55	
M. H. Cushing, salt, etc.,	10 10	
E. Sproat heirs, rent of land for fish house,	3 00	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber,	3 53	
Wm. R. Whitcomb, carting,	1 75	250 28
J. & G. E. Doane, nails, etc., for fish house,	3 86	
F. B. Porter, building fish house,	6 57	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber for fish house,	27 41	
T. W. Pierce, stove, etc.	2 00	39 81

E. A. Harlow, watching at fish house,	53 20	
B. W. Bump, watching at fish house,	50 40	
A. Baker, watching at fish house,	2 00	105 60
Total expenses,		\$525 67.
Cash received from sale of fish,	284 62	
“ towns on Taunton river for inspection at East Taunton,	130 00	
		<hr/> \$414 62
Total expense over receipts,		III 05
Lakeville's proportion,	15 52	
Middleboro's proportion,	95 52	\$III 05

Whole number of fish taken, 44,415; which is the smallest number of fish caught in any year of which we find a record. In 1882 the number taken as reported, was 50,100, while in 1883, 139,153 were taken; and the average for the last 15 years has been about 90,000.—The receipts have amounted to a little more than the expense of taking and inspection. There has been an extra expense of building a fish house at the Star Mills, at a cost of \$39 84; and also, on account of the Star Mill authorities forbidding a building of any kind to be placed on any part of their premises, and the positive assurance, both before and after the building was built, that any such building would be torn down, we thought best to keep a watch there through the fishing season, and then took the building away. The expense of watching was \$105 60.

## REPORT OF TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

FROM FEB. 1, 1884 TO FEB. 1, 1885.

Paid N. D. Wilbur, gas bills,	\$219 55
“ for fixtures, etc.,	17 16
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber,	8 33
James L. Jenney, coal,	236 75
H. A. Sparrow, repairs,	12 25
Edson Ellis, repairs on well,	4 00
B. F. Horr, repairs on steam pipes,	3 80
J. & G. E. Doane, repairs on con- ductor, hardware, etc.,	36 54
Incidentals,	18 00
Wm. B. Wood, janitor,	452 16
L. Tinkham, case of draws and repairs,	26 44
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	\$1034 98

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By cash received for rent of hall and rooms,	<hr/> 510 50
Total expense over receipts,	\$524 45

JOSEPH T. WOOD, ALBERT T. SAVERY, NATHANIEL S. CUSHING,	} Town House Committee.
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*Middleboro, Feb. 21, 1885.*

## LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year :

William F. Atwood,	Ebenezer Pickens,
Harrison W. Atwood,	Jeremiah K. Pratt,
Emory F. Atwood,	Augustus Pratt,
F. Austin G. Atwood,	Herbert A. Pratt,
Jared F. Alden,	Isaac E. Perkins,
John S. Benson,	Horace N. Ryder,
Elisha T. Benson,	Fred C. Sparrow,
Ira Bryant,	Albert T. Savery,
Joshua K. Bishop,	George R. Sampson,
James W. Briggs,	Josiah C. Shaw,
Bradford D. W. Bartlett,	Ebenezer Shaw,
Nathaniel S. Cushing,	Elbridge G. Shaw,
Thomas C. Collins,	George L. Soule,
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,	Augustus H. Soule,
Amos D. Clark,	Warren H. Southworth,
Orrin E. Deane,	Josiah H. Vaughan.
Jeremiah Doane,	Elnathan Sherman,
Joshua M. Eddy,	Charles C. Tinkham,
William C. Eddy,	Leander A. Tinkham,
George T. M. Gammons,	Ira M. Thomas,
Francis B. Gibbs,	Charles W. Turner,
Foster A. Harlow,	Philander W. Thompson,
Eugene P. LeBaron,	Albert J. Wood,
Thomas J. LeBaron,	Andrew M. Wood,
Benjamin F. Leonard,	Warren Wood,
Zebedee Leonard,	William B. Wood,
Joseph M. Leonard,	George E. Wood,
William O. LeBaron,	Asaph F. Washburn,
James L. Jenney,	Ellis Weston,
John Q. Morton,	James H. Weston,
Nathau B. Maxim,	Kenelm Winslow,
Isaac E. Macomber,	

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	} Selectmen of Middleborough.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,	
NATHANIEL S. CUSHING.	

## Report of Committee on Drainage.

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In the warrant for the annual March meeting for the year 1883, Art. 22 was as follows: "To take such action as the town shall see cause in relation to draining Centre, Pearl and Main streets." Acting under this article it was voted "to choose a committee of three to consider the matter of drainage as contained in Art. 22, and report at some future meeting," and "that the committee on drainage be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$500, as they may think necessary."

Your committee, acting under these instructions and in accordance with the sentiments expressed by the speakers on the subject at the town meeting, carefully viewed the premises with reference to surface draining Pearl and Main streets, but were unable to see any way by which this could be accomplished in any but a most superficial manner, and that at considerable expense. The question of special sewers for these localities was next considered, and resulted in an agreement by the committee, that no more sewers ought to be constructed, unless they formed a part of a system for the drainage not only of surface water



but for the improvement of the streets, removing water from cellars and waste from kitchens and sanitary appliances.

To carry out this plan, an accurate survey was necessary, and for this purpose the services of Mr. Percy M. Blake of Hyde Park, were secured, and he has furnished the necessary plans for the construction of a system of sewers for the easterly portion of the village. These plans give not only the data for the sewer system, but have the grade lines for the proper construction of the streets. They have been enclosed in a metallic case and placed in the town vault for safe keeping and future reference.

Mr. Blake's comprehensive report to the committee is herewith presented, as giving desirable information on this subject, and any one by carefully examining this report and the map accompanying the plans, will be able to gain a very full knowledge of the matter.

### REPORT OF ENGINEER.

To Warren H. Southworth, Esq., Chairman Committee on Drainage, Middleborough, Mass.

Dear Sir:—Allow me to submit to your committee as of interest in connection with the surveys and plans made under your direction for developing systems of surface and sub drainage for your village, the following facts and conclusions suggested by the data and information obtained.

It should be understood first that a complete system of town drainage aims to accomplish the maintenance of street surfaces, the removal of surface water, prevention of standing pools and ponds of ice, the permanent stability

of curb stones, pavements, crosswalks and foundations, the removal of domestic and manufacturing wastes before they become offensive and dangerous to health, and the opportunity to provide and maintain the many and valuable domestic sanitary conveniences which depend upon such a drainage system for their proper and satisfactory operation.

The importance of such improvements as these in promoting the growth of a community, in raising the standard of health and increasing the value of private property therein, is certainly great enough to justify the establishment in every town and village of a systematic plan of surface grades and competent sewers.

Necessity compels every town to undertake from time to time improvements of this nature, but in few cases is the value of systematic work, which aims constantly at permanent economy and final perfection, recognized.

Your village is naturally divided into two principal water sheds, separated from each other by a parting ridge extending from the intersection of Myrtle and North streets to the intersection of Oak and Peirce streets, thence to the summit of Everett street about 500 feet north of Centre street, thence southerly to Elm street, and through Elm street to Grove street.

The territory west of this line drains naturally through the intervalles on the west of the village into Joses Brook, which discharges into the Taunton river a short distance below the entrance of the Nemasket river; the territory east of the ridge drains into the Nemasket river.

This latter area containing a little more than 300 acres has been the subject of special study, owing to its more thorough development and its special need of drainage facilities.

The surveys show this area to consist of five distinct slopes or drainage districts, as follows :—

*District A.* An area of 42 acres, including North street from Main to Myrtle, Myrtle street, Barrows street, School street from Centre to Barrows, and Main street from Peirces' store to the Star Mills, with small amounts of territory adjoining. The estates and streets within this area can best be drained by a system of grades and sewers having a final discharge through Main street into the river near the Star Mills.

*District B.* An area of 93 acres including Peirce street, Oak street from Centre to Peirce, Forest street, Centre street from Forest to Main, Pearl street, School street from Centre to Peirce, Main street from town hall to Peirces' store, Water; Rock, Benton, Webster, Clifford, Jackson and Lincoln streets. This area can best be drained by a system of grades and sewers discharging through Water street into the river.

*District C.* An area of 100 acres, including Everett street from the summit to Centre street, High, Pearl, Oak street from Centre to Courtland, Southwick, Courtland, Elm, Grove, and Main street from town hall to Grove street, with all territory intervening between these streets. This area can best be drained by a system of grades and sewers concentrating at the intersection of Courtland and Main streets, and discharging through a main drain extending in a northeasterly direction from that point to the river.

*District D.* An area of 40 acres lying east of Main street and between Rock street and the main drain last described. This area will require no special provision for drainage unless built upon and developed.

*District E.* An area of 25 acres lying east and south of Main street and north of Jackson street, which, like District D., will require no drainage improvements until further developed.

The general map prepared from the surveys will give more precise information regarding the best methods of providing permanent drainage for these districts. It is easy to perceive that this positive configuration of the village reduces the cost of grading and sewerage the streets included in the entire territory of 300 acres to a minimum. The fact that the greatest area to be considered is only 100 acres, and that the present street grades in that district (C) as well as throughout the entire village can be altered to answer the requirements of an efficient plan at a remarkably small expense, should be appreciated and utilized in controlling such expenditures as the town may hereafter authorize for purposes of grading and drainage.

District B., which includes the central portions of the village and the most traveled thoroughfares, can be properly and thoroughly graded and sewerage at a very reasonable cost. No estimate of this expense has been made, as such work to be reliable and valuable, requires further investigation, and was not included in the instructions given to me.

The ultimate plan for draining and sewerage the village would include a low level main intercepting sewer, as shown on the general plan. This main sewer would be located on the west side of the Nemasket river and would extend from the Star mills to an extension of Courtland street, whence it would receive the drainage of District C. At Water street it would be enlarged, provided with an overflow for storm water, and would receive the drainage of district B., delivered through the Water street sewer.

Between this point and the outfall, its capacity would be sufficient to convey also the drainage from district E, and at the lower end to receive the drainage from district A. The elevation of the outfall would be sufficient to deliver the entire discharge on to the meadow lands below the Star mills for processes of utilization, filtration, or purification, should the same become necessary.

A proper limit to this communication will not allow any further description of the details of this system, but a few general requirements governing the laying out and construction of grades and sewers may be allowed.

The following quotations from the memorandum accompanying plans are offered expressing these requirements.

“In carrying out a system of drainage much regard must be had for the construction of the roadbed, filling and surface of the street. Sufficient crowning must be given to the surface to secure a prompt lateral drainage into the gutters of all storm waters, and the harder the surface, and the more impervious it is made, the longer it will last and resist heavy travel.” \* \* \* \*

“It is not proposed nor recommended to you to attempt to remove all surface water by and through the sewers, but rather so far as possible to keep surface water out of them. \* \* \* \* By the plan submitted, no provision is to be made for rapidly removing through the sewers the maximum rainfall or melting snow running on the surface. The sewers do include however, a capacity to drain off by a regular and moderate flow, a very considerable quantity of surface water :—a quantity sufficient to be of advantage in cleansing the sewers by the increased discharge, and sufficient to thoroughly remove the surface water which without such means of escape, would under ordinary



conditions of dampness, remain on the surface until the slow process of evaporation or soakage had dried the locality."

"As efficient and satisfactory domestic drainage is one of the most important objects to be attained by the adption of a system of sewerage, a general depth is proposed for the sewers which will make it possible to sub-drain nearly every estate in the village."

I append a list of the bench marks established by the surveys made.

Yours most respectfully,


PERCY M. BLAKE. Civil Engineer.

Hyde Park, Mass., Feb. 18, 1885.



## TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO, MASS.

BENCH MARKS, 1884.	Elevation
Southwest corner, Main and Centre streets, (street bound on corner,) . . . . .	100.000
Northeast corner, Main and Rock streets, .	101.683
Northwest corner, Main and Courtland streets, .	90.547
Southwest corner, Main and Courtland avenue,	91.265
Round top post, last one to Wood estate, . .	102.844
Fence curb corner, near Robinson's office, (Main and Jackson streets), . . . . .	97.017
Northwest corner, Main and Barrows streets, .	96.943
Northeast end stone to catch basin, near North St.,	90.641
Northeast corner, Centre and Pearl streets, .	117.976
Opposite school, south side Centre street on side- walk, . . . . .	110.157
South side Centre street and just above Oak street near low house, . . . . .	130.055
Southeast corner, High and Centre streets, .	127.004
High and Pearl streets, northeast corner, .	113.585
High and Union streets, stone in curb, northwest side, . . . . .	109.313
Oak and Pearl streets, southwest corner, .	105.899
Elm and Courtland streets. southeast corner, .	106.188
Elm and Grove streets, northeast corner, .	101.013
Oak and Peirce streets, northeast corner, .	116.383
Peirce and Pearl streets, southwest corner, .	106.648
School and Pierce streets, northeast corner, .	105.621
School and Barrows streets, northeast corner, .	101.189
Clifford and Water streets, southwest corner, .	92.538
Rock and Benton streets, northwest corner, .	92.687
Top stone post, north side Water street, at end of fence near river, . . . . .	62.168
Southwest corner, watering trough near Star Mill,	40.099
Northwest corner portico, main entrance to Town Hall, . . . . .	116.871

 Levels at street corners are on stone bounds.

Your committee would recommend that an appropriation be made each year for the construction of some part of this sewer system, and that for the ensuing season the sewer on Centre street, from Pearl to Water street, be constructed, making a temporary connection with the old Water street sewer.

WARREN H. SOUTHWORTH,	} Committee
JAMES H. HARLOW	
JOSEPH T. WOOD,	
	on
	Drainage.

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1st, 1885.

Net amount of money drawn from the town  
treasury,

\$4720 98

Received as follows, viz., from

City of Fall River,	3 90
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“ New Bedford,	13 00
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“ Taunton,	104 00
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Town of Lakeville,	19, 00
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“ Easton,	7 00
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“ Plymouth,	95 75
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“ Hanson,	33 00
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“ Sandwich,	115 50
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“ Wareham,	120 00
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M. P. Standish,	30 00
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Thomas O'Donnell,	121 85
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Pension,	72 00
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Barnard Glancy.	69 41
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State,	30 73
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Products from the farm sold,	176 68
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\$835 14

176 68

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\$5732 80

Paid out as follows, viz. :

For support of paupers in the almshouse,     \$1601 81

Out of almshouse,

Mrs. John E. Croucher,	10 00
“ Caroline M. Packard,	76 50
“                    Dorrigan,	6 00
“ Andrew B. Perry,	122 50
“ James E. Richmond,	71 62
“ Lydia Loomis,	70 63
“ Charles Murray,	137 50
“ Stillman B. Morse,	49 00
“ Ellen Weeks,	54 87
“ James Gordon,	10 00
“ Hiram Hatch,	99 87
“ Hiram Bryant,	27 25
“ Henry Johnson,	52 00
“ Harriet McLathlin,	34 00
“ Alda Bumpus,	8 50
Charles Thomas,	13 98
Sarah Bepple,	2 00
David Shurtleff,	24 00
Lucy B. Tinkham,	180 00
Alphonzo Millard,	7 15
Sally C. Benson,	55 00
Nathaniel Shurtleff,	16 00
Rachel W. Thomas,	51 00
Andrew W. Leonard,	16 87
William Goddard,	35 00
George W. Brackett,	18 00
Betsy C. Cobb,	51 00
Henry Chase,	105 50
Oliver Bagnall,	59 50
Pelham E. Gibbs,	21 00

John Dally,	11 87
B. F. Durant,	135 43
Ephraim Bell,	11 75
Israel Wood,	18 00
Emerson P. Morse,	22 00
Patrick Mahoney,	2 00
John Raymond,	8 00
Angeline Barrows,	9 50
Lorenzo Smith,	78 00
Ephraim D. Butler,	276 35
William Sherman,	3 00
Allen Prait,	10 00
Benjamin Haskins,	8 32
Ellen Cole,	56 00
Samuel B. Maxim,	8 75
Gilbert A. Lyon,	22 00
Hannah Maddon,	8 76
Mary Lawrence,	62 00
Dean Ramsdall,	48 00
Phineas Haskins,	59 50
Rosalie A. Thyng,	52 00
Bertha L. Gammons,	11 56

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\$2409 03

In Taunton Lunatic Hospital :

Thomas J. Shaw,	174 52
Henry C. Keith,	181 61
Patrick Murphy,	181 37
Eliza O'Donnell,	98 08

In Northampton Lunatic Hospital :

Joanna O'Keefe,	178 10
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## In Worcester Lunatic Hospital :

Lucy A King,	172 90	
Emma K. Glenery,	112 14	
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		\$1098 72
Andrew C. Wood, expenses out of town on account of paupers,	17 84	
S. Mendall, expense out of town on account of paupers,	6 90	
James A. Burgess, taking a pauper to Tewksbury,	3 50	
Dr. Hodgson, for professional ser- vices for one year, ending Feb. 1st, 1885,	50 00	
Dr. Hodgson, for attendance on the Covill family which belong in Sandwich,	45 00	
E. S. Lovell and wife, one year's services, ending Feb. 1, '85,	500 00	
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		\$5732 80

Whole number in the Almshouse during  
the year,

Transient.	288
Remaining the whole time,	262
Present number,	14
Number of weeks for one person,	18
Transient,	959
Average number about	37
Average expense per week excluding salaries, and interest on farm,	18½
Average expense per week, including salaries, and interest on farm.	\$1 43
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Amount of Real estate, Feb. 1, 1884,	\$4090 00	
Amount of Personal " " " "	1850 70	
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Amount of Personal " " " 1885,	2082 65	
Amount of Real " " " "	4090 00	
		<hr/> \$6172 65
More than in 1884,		<hr/> \$231 95

There have been two deaths in the almshouse during the year, Mrs. Mary Dunham, who died Oct 16th, 1884, age 86; Mr. Andrew Pratt, who died Jan. 12th, 1884, age 72.

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Almshouse and Farm, Dr. for the following account from Feb. 1st, 1884, to Feb. 1st, 1885.

Fish, fresh, dried and shell,	\$29 51
Spices,	3 37
Books and stationery,	1 46
Bread, crackers and cookies,	69 05
Snuff and tobacco,	9 88
Oil,	6 17
Meat,	89 05
Repairs of furniture, tin and iron ware,	6 38
Farming tools,	1 55
Manure,	44 50
Wagon body,	12 00
Flour,	116 35
Lime,	17
Plowing, harrowing and mowing,	45 45
Drawing wood, manure and ashes,	15 00
Painting and carpenter work,	15 00
Other labor on farm,	15 00

Nursing sick,	7 00
Ice,	5 45
Sweet potatoes,	1 78
Straw,	50
Expense for burials,	38 00
Expense, cash for paupers,	8 65
Dried and green fruit, canned goods,	24 17
Soap,	17 34
Salt,	3 16
Boots and shoes,	33 36
Cream of tartar and yeast,	3 25
Clothing,	92 52
Coal,	21 25
Beds and bedding,	21 50
Hardware, stoves and repairs,	82 62
Meal, corn, shorts and fine feed,	238 35
Coffee,	10 11
Seed for planting and sowing,	14 35
Crockery, iron and tin ware,	6 72
Ashes and fertilizer,	75 70
Broma and cocoa,	9 31
Grinding grain,	48
For use of bull, 1883,	3 00
Hominy, rice and crushed wheat,	3 07
Newspaper,	2 00
Killing and curing meat,	14 25
Butter,	21 68
Paint and oil,	9 00
Medicines,	11 97
Furniture,	18 09
Cutting wood in woods,	45 00
Post office box,	1 00
Starch,	20

Matches,	50
Vinegar,	1 60
Three brooms,	90
Hens,	17 50
Pigs and Hogs,	38 00
Cow,	40 00
Horse cart,	6 50
Thomas harrow,	7 50
Spectacles,	50
Corn planter,	3 00
Seed planter,	1 75
Saw,	45
Sugar,	39 47
Molasses,	29 11
Cheese,	11 22
Glass ware and lamp chimneys,	2 73
Tea,	14 88
Dry goods,	44 78
Rubber shoes,	1 00
Horse shoeing and blacksmithing,	9 70
Cedar stakes,	6 00
E. S. Lovell and wife, salary,	500 00
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\$2101 87	

## Produce sold from the farm.

Eggs,	\$14 97
Lard,	4 42
Barrels,	99
Hens,	14 00
Old iron,	2 27
For use of bull and boar,	5 50
For use of harrow and roller,	2 00
Corn,	15
Cabbage,	56

Beef,	18 10
Cream,	30
Apples,	7 55
Calves,	23 30
Butter,	3 03
Desk,	2 00
Pigs and shoats.	65 54
Mowed oats,	12 00
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\$176 78	

## Amount of produce raised on the farm.

Corn,	90 Bushels.
Potatoes,	75 "
Turnips,	50 "
Beets,	2 "
Onions,	1½ "
Dried beans,	3 "
Green Peas,	5 "
Poor apples,	100 "
Good apples,	25 bbls.
Hay,	9 tons.
Mowed oats,	4 "
Corn Fodder,	3 "
Pork,	1640 lbs.
Beef,	550 "
Calves,	240 "
Butter,	200 "
Milk,	2200 quarts.
Eggs,	100 dozen.
Pigs,	23
Chickens,	50
Cabbage,	240 heads.

## INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE, FEB. 1, 1885.

Farm, 90 acres with buildings thereon	\$3000 00
Thompson wood lot, 9 acres,	240 00
Macomber wood lot, 22 acres,	400 00
Haskins wood lot, 10 acres,	75 00
Thomas wood lot, 4 acres,	375 00

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\$4090 00

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

9 tons English hay, \$20 per ton,	\$180 00
400 lbs. rye straw,	2 00
1200 lbs. oat straw,	8 00
4 hogs \$36., 11 pigs 44.,	116 00
4 cows 160., 3 yearlings 75.,	235 00
55 hens 45., horse 85.,	130 00
75 bush. corn 52., 35 bush. rye 24.,	76 00
4 bush. beans 8., 2 bush. meal 1.40,	9 40
Fine feed 1.50, ice chest 9.,	10 50
Ox cart 35., horse cart 8.,	43 00
Ox wagon 30., express wagon, 60.,	90 00
Covered wagon 60., sleigh 7.,	67 00
Harnesses 25., grindstone 5.,	30 00
Two wheelbarrows 8., farming tools 53.,	61 00
Roller 25., 5 small and 1 large silver spoon 5.,	30 00
Beds, bedding and bedsteads,	250 00
Tables, stoves and furniture,	200 00
Carpet, 12., tea 1., sugar 2.,	15 00
Lounge 10., tin, iron and stone ware 16.,	26 00
Other goods in the house,	20 00
35 bu. potatoes 25., 60 bu. turnips 15.,	40 00
Cabbage 5., soap 5.,	10 00
20 gal. cider 2., 800 lbs. pork 80.,	82 00

40 lbs fresh pork 4., 80 lbs. lard 8.,	12 00
3 wood saws and axes 3., barrels 5.,	8 00
25 cords wood in wood house,	100 00
25 cords wood in woods,	75 00
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ M. shingle 6., 600 feet lumber 10.,	16 00
2 bbls. flour 11., Molasses 1.,	12 00
Coal 2., tobacco and oil 1.80,	3 80
Paints and oil 3., medicine 2.,	5 00
Butter 1.80, crackers and coffee 2.,	3 80
Sheeting 2.40, shirting 2.,	4 40
Salt and fish 2., clothing 16.,	18 00
Farm wagon,	40 00
Apples, dried apples,	13 00
100 lbs, ham 12.50, 3 doz. eggs 75.,	13 25
Spices 1.50, mantel bedstead 10.,	11 50
Thomas harrow,	6 00
Corn planter 3., grass seed 3.,	6 00
50 lbs. beef,	4 00

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\$2082 65

Deeming it expedient at this time, to call the attention of the citizens of the town to the condition of the almshouse, we beg leave to present some facts in relation thereto. The house is growing old, and with the natural wear and tear of wind and weather, each succeeding year renders it the more shaky and uncomfortable in severe weather. A great portion of the house, having no cellar under it, is exposed to severe strains by the action of frost, thereby starting much of the plastering, which is falling frequently from lathing, rendering it necessary to be continually repairing, and uncomfortable at that. The Inspector of Charities, from the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, inspected the premises in September last.



He said, after viewing all parts of the house, "It ought to be taken away and a new house built."

The chimneys are large, and we can but feel that they may be growing poor and dangerous. The outside covering is becoming very much decayed and quite a portion of it ought to be newly covered before another winter. Windows are very poor, many of them; floors are getting badly worn, and in a word, the whole structure will have to be thoroughly repaired inside and out very soon, to maintain health and comfort of the inmates. One of the prominent physicians of Middleboro, recently said, "that the almshouse was not fit or comfortable, for the poor to occupy in cold weather." We sincerely believe, that the time has arrived, when the best interests of the town of Middleboro, require the erection of a commodious, substantial, and plainly built, brick almshouse. Having thus briefly called attention to this matter, we respectfully submit the facts to the good judgment and candid consideration of the citizens of the town.

C. B. WOOD,	}	Overseers of Poor
A. C. WOOD,		of the Town
S. MENDALL,		of Middleboro.

The undersigned, Selectmen of Middleboro, endorse the above recommendation of the Overseers of the Poor in relation to the urgent need of a new Almshouse.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	}	Selectmen
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		of Middleboro.

# Report of the Town Treasurer.

ENDING FEBRUARY 1ST, 1885.

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DR.

Cash received as follows :

Cash on hand as per report of Feb. 1,

1884, \$7952 65

From State treasurer for corporation

tax, 3441 44

State treasurer, for bank tax, 1359 98

State treasurer, for state aid, 2279 75

State treasurer, for school fund. 202 21

County treasurer, for dog money  
for 1884, 552 96

Middleboro savings bank, 9000 00

Overseers of poor, 835 14

New England Trust Co., for int., 135 77

E. A. Harlow, for herring money, 284 62

Foster Harlow, for watchman, 188 00

J. T. Wood, for watchman, 61 00

School committee, for tuition in

High school, 248 75

School committee, for books sold, 16 86

Rev. John Williams, concreting, 44 83

L. F. Packard, for concreting, 12 06

Zebedee Leonard, concreting, 13 87

Circus license, 15 00

Eight town maps sold, 1 85

The following cities and towns on  
account of fish,

Taunton, \$30; Somerset, \$20;

Berkley \$20; Raynham \$20

Freetown, \$10 Dighton, \$20

Fall River, \$10; 130 00

Collector of taxes, 33,450 16

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\$60,226 90

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Paid Selectmen and auditors, orders, 13,864 02

School committee's orders, 12,572 69

Town house committee's orders, 628 79

Sewer and drainage " " 300 00

Overseers of poor, orders, 5560 62

Notes and interest, 12,580 49

State aid, chapter 301, 1514 00

State aid, chapter 252, 1205 00

State treasurer, for state tax, 3480 00

County treasurer, for county tax 2886 43

N. Y. & B. D. Express Co., bill, 20 15

L. M. Alden, for G. A. R., 100 00

Jos. E. Beals, for public library,  
dog licenses for 1883, 499 60

Jos. E. Beals, for public library,  
license money, 11 00

H. A. Davis, state inspector of  
weights and measures, 9 00

Sec. of State, registration book, 2 20

Expense getting ballot box, 1 00

E. Robinson, recording two deeds, 1 25

Stamps, postal cards and sundries, 20 35

Cash on hand, 4970 31

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\$60,226 90

C. T. THATCHER, Treasurer.

# Report of the Collector.

Taxes unpaid for 1881, as per report of 1884,	\$277 74
Taxes unpaid for 1882, as per report of 1884,	942 75
Taxes unpaid for 1883, as per report of 1884,	3690 51
Taxes committed for 1884,	35,950 76
Interest and summons received,	257 93
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	\$41,119 69

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Taxes unpaid for 1881,	\$131 00
Taxes unpaid for 1882,	594 73
Taxes unpaid for 1883,	1670 62
Taxes unpaid for 1884,	4832 13
Assessors' orders,	441 05
Cash paid town treasurer,	33,450 16
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	\$41,119 69

C. T. THATCHER, Collector.

Middleboro, Feb. 19th, 1885.

The undersigned, a committee chosen by the town to settle with their treasurer and collector, hereby certify that they have attended to that duty, and find the accounts correct and properly vouched for the year ending Feb. 1st. 1885.

I. F. ATWOOD,  
JAMES H. HARLOW.

# Report of the Town Clerk.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBORO IN 1884.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Jan 8	Albert E. Hill,	Cambridgept,	Martha Baxter,	Middleboro.
13	Antonio G. Teixsira,	Middleboro,	Mary H. Teixsira,	"
15	Daniel Shea,	Milton,	Julia Callahan,	"
Feb 9	Joseph T. Benson,	Middleboro,	Phæbe M. Smith,	Foxboro.
10	Stephen F. O'Hara,	"	Kate Murphy,	Middleboro.
16	John L. Tobey,	New Bedford,	Rebecca E. Kennedy,	St. John's N.B.
Mch 6	Edwin G. Soule,	Middleboro,	Lydia F. Brown,	Middleboro.
11	T. Ernest Carlisle,	Attleboro,	Lizzie E. Loner,	"
30	Alonzo P. Hamblin,	Barnstable,	Celia E. Morris,	Carver.
Apr 6	Thomas B. West,	Middleboro,	Waitstill Leonard,	Middleboro.
10	Albert B. Marvell,	"	Clara C. Tripp,	"
16	Franklin Y. Orcutt,	Boston,	Harriet R. Gifford,	"
17	Ellsworth C. Bailey,	Kingston,	Hope S. Tinkham,	"
23	Robert R. McDonald,	Halifax,	Lizzie F. Smith,	Halifax.
27	Daniel Sullivan,	Middleboro,	Mary J. Daley,	Lakeville.
May 1	Herbert L. Batchelder,	"	Sarah E. Chamberlain,	Plympton.
24	Frederick E. Gould,	Carver,	Hannah B. Lewis,	Carver.
31	Thomas J. Curley,	Middleboro,	Mary J. Morley,	Middleboro.
Jun 4	Amasa Edson,	Brockton,	Jane G. Chace,	"
6	Ulysses L. Clark,	Middleboro,	Henrietta A. Wood,	New Bedford.
11	Clarence E. Tobey,	"	Lizzie A. Vaughan,	Middleboro.
16	Edwin A. Norton,	"	Thirza S. True,	Industry, Me.
19	John Merrihew,	"	Ida May Barrows,	Middleboro.
26	Frederick D. Martin,	"	Florence V. Coleman,	Barnstable.
July 3	Herbert M. Coombs,	"	Laura C. King,	Carver.
3	Thomas Dowdigan,	Taunton,	Katie N. Leavis,	Taunton.
A'g 12	Sylvester Groesbeeck,	Brooklyn, NY,	Mary E. Clark,	Brooklyn, NY.
23	Christopher C. Briggs,	Middleboro,	Elizabeth Archer,	Charlest'n, S.C
Sept 6	Virgil W. Ludden,	"	Lizzie F. Clark,	Easton.
9	Edward C. Reed,	"	Georgiana Gault,	Middleboro.
17	Renfrew I. Edwards,	Brooklyn, NY,	Priscilla B. Tripp,	"
20	Laforest A. Lawrence,	Middleboro,	Carrie I. Streeter,	"
Oct 2	Albert A. Leach,	Providence,	Laura M. Lincoln,	"
2	Willis B. Churbuck,	Middleboro,	Katie R. Vaughan,	"
12	George A. Smith,	"	Merey F. Ellis,	Dennisport.
16	Henry A. Jackson,	Boston,	Ida E. Mellen,	Middleboro.
18	Charles E. Hunt,	Middleboro,	Susie R. Swift,	Carver.
22	William C. Easton,	Brockton,	Mary E. Richards,	Brockton.
27	William H. Bassett, jr.	Harwich,	Mary L. Washburn,	Middleboro.
30	William M. Leahy,	Providence,	Katie F. Maguire,	"
Nov 1	Charles T. Peirce,	Middleboro,	Helen W. Curtis,	Stoughton.
5	Franklin N. Woodward,	"	Abbie E. Lovell,	Middleboro.
12	Nelson C. Thomas,	"	Clara M. Cobb,	"
17	James F. Shurtleff,	"	Mary E. K. Harlow,	New Bedford.
18	Walter K. Allen,	"	Laura A. Gibbs,	Middleboro.
25	Frank W. Tinkham,	"	Josie L. Allen,	Brockton.
27	John B. Ramsdell,	"	Sarah Southworth,	Fall River.
27	Franklin P. Wilbur,	Plympton,	Eveline A. Pratt,	Carver.
27	Charles E. Lashures,	Middleboro,	Charlotte C. Burgess,	Middleboro.
29	Alden Darling,	"	Sarah E. Bepple,	"
Dec 4	Edw'd B. Whitmarsh,	"	Cora A. Fobes,	Bridgewater.
10	Charles C. Alden,	Bridgewater,	Ida F. Richmond,	Middleboro.
24	Frederick D. Phillips,	Middleboro,	Luella M. Douglass,	"
24	William L. Soule,	"	Lucelia M. Fuller,	W. Dennis.
24	George W. Merrill,	Hudson,	Bertha L. Rockwell,	Hudson.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBORO IN 1884.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
Jan 3	John Edwards Harrington.	Timothy and Eargaret,	Kelley.
4	Arthurette Aurelia Collins.	Arthur L. and Alice J. W.	Collins.
8	Alice Clifton Tinkham.	Ira and Florence M.	Trow.
10	Minnie Standish.	Miles T. and Delia C.	Dunham.
11	Josephine Isabel Davis.	Richard A. W. and Mary S.	Bates.
20	William Richmond Caswell,	George W. and Mary E.	Roscoe.
Feb 7	Bessie Esther Batchelder.	Eugene O. and Emogene F.	Dunham.
8	Charles Sumner Anderson.	John F. and Emma.	Leonard.
15	May Ellen Downing,	Mary E.	Downing.
16	Frank White Murray.	Charles W. and Charlotte F.	Wilbur.
18	Kelley.	Alden W. and Eliza H.	Robbins.
Mch 6	Frank Perkins Adams.	Frank P. and Ellen M.	Leonard.
7	Theodore Bicknell.	Albert P. and Grace F.	Harlow.
11	Lonzo Arthur Chandler.	Arthur J. and Rebecca B.	Ellis.
15	Hoxie.	Willard L. and Clarabel.	Nickerson.
26	Abby Atwood Thomas.	L. Edgar and Lauretta C.	Carver.
26	Mary Alice Chapman.	John H. and Emma.	
28	Leon Shaw Harlow.	E. Austin and Emma G.	Ellis.
30	Albert Soranus Vaughan.	Harry C. and Lucy J.	Wrightington.
Apr 5	Ina Richards.	George C. and Hannah I.	Atwood.
6	Eldridge.	Amasa E. and Mary A.	Eggar.
12	Ellen Christina Harrington.	Cornelius and Matilda E.	Boehme.
21	Herbert Leonard Caswell.	Herbert L. and Clara O.	Thatcher.
24	Wendall Edmund Harlow.	Bradford and Emily C.	Hinckley.
27	John McCarty.	Michael and Bridget.	Murphy.
27	Albert Joseph Thellen.	John and Delia.	Archambault.
28	Effie Lorena Hazeltine.	Henry A. Jr. and Ella.	Carver.
May 2	Chester Burgess Churchill.	Nathan D. and Helen A.	Taner.
3	Mabel Frances Bryant.	Horace L. and Ida F.	Lee.
3	Lewis Edward Herne.	John E. and Etta F.	Fuller.
6	Mary Winifred McManus.	Edward and Sarah.	Devine.
6	Cleon Forest Bryant.	Walter F. and Susan E.	Freemon.
7	John Thomas Norris.	John and Margaret.	Mullins.
12	Flora Isabel Bennett.	Allerton C. and H. Maria.	Shaw.
21	Clarence Winnifred Wood.	Daniel F. and Gara F.	Webb.
26	William Thomas Weston.	William S. and Catherine E.	Fuller.
26	Grace Gordon Peirce.	Thomas W. and Mary A.	Besse.
31	George Armadeen Fred'k Short.	Frank and Camelia.	Pequot.
June 9	Harriet Elizabeth Southworth.	Edwin and Nancy.	Merrihew.
19	Franklin Goodwin.	William and Lizzie J. P.	Lovell.
21	Lizzie White Alden.	Warner and Jane.	White.
uly 12	George Henry Keedwell.	George H. and Anna.	Banwell.
14	Ruth Peirce Wood.	Charles A. and Abbie C.	Coombs.
13	Almeda Pratt.	S. Lewis and Bertha S. B.	Savage.
21	Harrold Maxwell Pratt.	Herbert L. and Lucy E.	Richmond.
21	James Brooks.	Robert and Bridget.	Casey.
Aug 4	Badger.	Henry D. and Clara.	Paine.
16	Mary Alice Ellis.	Herbert L. and Mary E.	Benson.
24	Myra Cole Kingman.	Charles W. and Emily E.	Cole.
27	Gladys Estella Swift.	Charles H. and Nellie F. W.	Ward.
29	Waldo Edward Bryant.	Hiram and Eunice.	Ravmond.
30	Mary Luther Jennette White.	Wendall H. and Anna.	Childs.
Sept 1	George Gilman Whitney.	Charles O. and Sarah F.	Ryder.
2	Sarah Murdock Shaw.	Benjamin C. and Bessie J.	Shurtleff.
3	Nettie May Parat.	William L. and Libbie.	Roe.
6	Teixsira.	Antonio and Mara.	
8	Morris Edward Sullivan.	Morris E. and Mary J.	Maguire.
8	Winslow McDermid.	Norman and Emma F.	Pratt.
Oct 2	Ethel Wood Deane.	George R. and Anna J.	Janes.
4	Samuel Briggs Washburn.	Samuel R. and Jennie C.	Ashby.
13	Seymour Franklin Stevens.	E. Franklin H. and Achsah E.	Barlow.
14	Edwin Augustus Sherman.	Theodore T. and Sally A.	Gibbs.
15	Henry Barker Post.	Henry and Anna F.	Tillinghasy.
15	Henry Allard.	George and Eliza.	Archambault.
16	Francis Samuel West.	Thomas B. and Waitstill.	Leonard.



## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBORO IN 1884.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
20	Lewis Shaw Bailey.	Luther S. and Lydia W.	Cook.
26	Edith Oliver Brooks Marvell.	Albert B. and Clara C.	Tripp.
28	Robinson.	John H. and Anna H.	Harlow.
Nov 2	Lucia Augusta Thomas.	Josiah B. and Rispah.	Bonney.
2	Irving Bryant.	Wallace M. and Addie A.	Penniman.
16	Marion Francis Richmond.	Elisha B. and Adeline M.	Bellis.
28	Geniveive May Sherman.	John W. and Lizzie A.	McCormick.
28	Keyes.	Samuel B. S. and Mary C.	Bennett.
Dec 4	Wilfred Joseph Cromwell.	Edward H. and Emma L.	Marble.
5	Vaughan.	David I. and Mary E.	Shaw.
8	Ethel Lyle Eaton.	Albert H. and Eva G.	Gardner.
11	Willard Boyden Howes.	Charles A. and Leonice.	Barrows.
14	Nathan Thomas Eaton.	Alexander and Lizzie F.	Alden.
22	Stetson.	Warren B. and Margaret H.	Hayes.
23	Carroll Ellsworth Cox.	George A. and Clara A.	Hagen.
23	Rudolph.	Louis and Mary.	Morris.
24	Crosson.	William H. and Etta.	Johnson.
26	Carrie Mabel Pratt.	Abby J.	Pratt.
27	Wood.	George E. and Anna M.	Sparrow.
29	Clark.	Charles D. and Mary C.	Taber.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBORO IN 1884.

DATE.	NAME.	Y	M	D	DISEASE.
Jan'y 2.	Nancy J. Thompson.	60	7	12	Nervous prostration.
6,	Cornelia Boorn,	73	11		Spinal disease.
7,	Lucy C. M. Shaw,	24	4	11	Consumption.
7,	George E. Elebeck,	31			Consumption.
10,	Clara E. Chapman,	1	9		Consumption.
15,	Ann Standish,	75			Old Age.
Feb. 11,	George W. Washburn,	46	11		Bright's disease.
19,	Haskins,			5	Malformation.
Mch. 1,	John Burt LeBaron.	66	5	11	Diabetes, Mellitus,
					Phthisis.
	James Soule,	73		24	Apoplexy.
12,	Alice M. Adams,	3	10		Scarlet fever.
13,	Arthur T. Adams,	1		13	Scarletina, Magligera,
					Convulsions.
13,	Charlotte L. Vaughan,	42	6	19	Chronic Heart Disease,
					Heart failure.
17,	Hoxie,			2	Exhaustion.
18,	Clarabel Hoxie,	20	9	18	Childbirth.
19,	Josiah Sparrow,	82	4		Apoplexy.
21,	Herman A. Johnson,	39			General Debility,
Apr. 21,	Albert S. Vaughan,			21	Heart disease.
21,	Arthur L. Alden,	1	10	25	Scarlet fever.
25,	Elmer A. Harlow,	12		8	Scarlet fever.
25,	William H. Durfee,	50		7	Tumor of brain, Apo-
					poplexy.
27,	John Carver,			25	Paralysis.
May 5,	Ebenezer Smith,		6		Typhoid fever.
9,	John Raymond,	80	4	9	Old age.
20,	Hiram Hatch,	33	11	12	Consumption.
22,	Mercy M. Wright,	40	6		Epilepsy.
22,	Emeline F. Durant,		5	20	Abdominal Cancer.
28,	Catherine L. Chamberlain	21	1	11	Consumption.
June 3,	Mary E. Swett,	57	2	24	Heart Disease, Catarrh-
					al Pneumonia.
9,	George W. Rich.	63	6		Consumption.
15,	Timothy L. Dunlap,	75	3		Paralysis, (Parapligia),
					Cerebral degeneration.
20,	Sarah B. Norris,	89	3		Heart Disease.
27,	Enoch Tinkham,	88	9	23	Apoplexy.
July 5,	Truman Mercer.		4		Congenital Heart Trou-
8,					ble.
8,	Sarah P. Jenks,	63	6		Intestinal Obstruction.
9,	Benj. A. Chamberlain,	47	4	2	Consumption.
21,	Ellen Dorrigan,	69			Heart Disease.
24,	Betsey H. Baker,	76	2		Old age.
26,	Matthew Cushing,	79	11	5	Bright's disease.
29,	Elizabeth M. Batchelder,	58	1	11	Apoplexy.
31,	Jeannette C. Putnam,	72			Heart Disease.
Aug. 16,	Myra E. Gilman,	41		2	Heart trouble.
27,	Lucy E. Barrows,	1	11		Cholera infantum.

DATE.	NAME.	Y	M	D	DISEASE.
Sept. 6,	Augusta W. Thompson,		3		Enteritis, Convulsions.
11,	Miriam Wood,	86	1		Rheumatism of heart.
16,	Willard Bryant,	78	5	20	Pericarditis.
16,	Lucy D. Tinkham,	38		20	Anaemia, Exhaustion.
20,	Perley B. Dyer,	2	5	14	Dysentery.
21,	Annie Hathaway,	14			Consumption.
Oct. 1,	Franklin L. Goodwin,		3	12	Marasmus.
3,	Nancy M. Coombs,	44	8		Consumption of bowels.
14,	Charles E. Alden.	52	7	25	Consumption.
16,	Mary Dunham.	86	5		Old age, Exhaustion.
18,	Oliver Bagnall,	75	8	22	Old age.
23,	Horatio W. Bonney,	64	4		Heart disease.
26,	Ethan A. Benson,	4	6		Dysentery.
Nov. 4,	Mary A. O'Donnell,	54			Heart disease.
12,	Olive Snow,	64	4	3	Consumption.
21,	Ann Boucher,	53	11	11	Heart disease.
Dec. 3,	Sarah Hathaway,	69	8		Tumor.
3,	Giaioto Riva,	61	6		Heart disease.
4,	Ephraim D. Butler,	57	4	19	Consumption.
6,	Andrew B. Fuller,	1	11	11	Congestion of brain.
8,	Sarah C. Tobey,	89	4		Old age.
11,	Irene C. Paine,	65			Paralysis.
22,	Reuben K. Simmons,	71	4	23	Pneumonia.
25,	Hannah L. Thomas,	2	10	22	Membranous Croup.
25,	Alice C. Leonard,	70	2		Paralysis of brain.
29,	Mary S. Robinson,	79	1		Paralysis.
29,	Waldo E. Bryant,		4		

## SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births, and Deaths, recorded in Middleboro, for the year 1884.

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1884, 55

Oldest groom, 80. Oldest bride 60.

Youngest groom, 20. Youngest bride 16.

First marriage of 95 persons. 46 males. 49 females.

Second " 13 " 7 " 6 "

Third " 1 " 1 "

Fourth " 1 " 1 "

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110 " 55 couples.

## BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1884, 84

Males 44. Females 40.

## DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1884, 73

## AGES.

Still-born, 3 under one year, 7

Between 1 and 5 years, 9 Between 10 and 20 years, 2

" 20 " 30 " 3 " 30 " 40 " 5

" 40 " 50 " 7 " 50 " 60 " 7

" 60 " 70 " 10 " 70 " 80 " 13

" 80 " 90 " 7

## DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed, 307

Males 290. Females 17.

C. T. THATCHER, Town Clerk.



**For Member of Congress, First District.**

Robert T. Davis, of Fall River, .....	578
Weston Howland, of Fairhaven, .....	280
Edward H. Hatfield, of Cottage City, .....	91
Timothy D. Stowe, of Fall River, .....	58

**For Councillor, First District.**

Jonathan Bourne, of New Bedford, .....	580
Isaiah T. Jones, of Sandwich, .....	278
John D. Flint, of Fall River, .....	91
Joshua B. Winslow, of New Bedford, .....	58

**For Senator, First Plymouth District.**

Charles H. Howland, of Plymouth, .....	579
Herbert Soule, of Kingston, .....	278
Edward L. Hyde, of Middleboro, .....	91
Thomas B. Griffith, of Carver, .....	58

**For County Commissioner.**

William Rankins, of Brockton, .....	580
George R. Thompson, of Brockton, .....	278
Nathan Beal, of Rockland, .....	91
Charles E. Tribou, of Brockton, .....	58

**For Representative, Seventh Plymouth District.**

Albert T. Savery, of Middleboro, .....	508
Calvin D. Kingman, of Middleboro, .....	271
Thomas C. Collins, of Middleboro, .....	211
C. D. Kingman, of Middleboro, .....	4
A. T. Savery, of Middleboro, .....	1
Name Unintelligible, .....	1



## TOWN WARRANT.

Following are the articles in the Warrant for Town Meeting March 16, 1895.

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. The following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz. . Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Constables and Fish Wardens.

Art. 3d. To vote upon the question of granting Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. Ballots to be "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

Art. 4th. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the present year.

Art. 5th. To raise such sums of Money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the present year, and determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated.

Art. 6th. To choose a Board of Auditors to examine claims against the town and order the payment of the same.

Art. 7th. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and report the condition of the treasury.

Art. 8th. To vote the pay of the Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.

Art. 9th. To dispose of the town's right to take Alewives the present year, and act anything thereon.

Art. 10th. To see if the town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen Field Drivers shall be Town Pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they also be chosen Pound Keepers.

Art. 11th. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of the Almshouse, and act anything thereon.

Art. 12th. To allow accounts against the town, and act anything thereon.

Art. 13th. To take action in relation to clearing the highways of snow the present year.

Art. 14th. To hear and act on the reports of any officers or committees of the town.

Art. 15th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

Art. 16th. To see if the town will pay a part of the expense of a Night Watch at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

Art. 17th. To dispose of the money received for Licenses the present year, and act anything thereon.

Art. 18th. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8. Grand Army of the Republic, on Memorial Day, and act anything thereon.

Art. 19th. To act on the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

Art. 20th. To see if the town will pay a part of the expense of sprinkling the Streets at the Four Corners and act anything thereon.

Art. 21st. To see if the town will appropriate any money to defray the expense of prosecuting Crime, and act anything thereon.

Art. 22d. To take action in relation to regulating the taking of Fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester and Freetown.

Art. 23d. To see if the town will vote to require the School Committee annually to appoint a Superintendent, and act anything thereon.

Art. 24th. To see if the town will vote to insure their Schoolhouses, and act anything thereon.

Art. 25th. To see if the town will vote to build a new Schoolhouse at Wappanucket, and act anything thereon.

Art. 26th. To see if the town will accept the provisions of the Public Statutes authorizing towns to choose a board of Road Commissioners and act anything thereon.

Art. 27th. To see if the town will vote to build a new Almshouse, or repair the present one, and act anything thereon.

Art. 28th. To see if the town will make an appropriation for Drainage and act anything thereon.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
MIDDLEBOROUGH.

1886



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H. L. THATCHER & CO.  
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# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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*Term Expires 1886.*

GEORGE E. DOANE.

WM. H. BOWEN.

JAMES F. SHURTLEFF.

*Term Expires 1887.*

MATTHEW H. CUSHING.

AUGUSTUS PRATT.

ADELINE V. WOOD.

*Term Expires 1888.*

GEORGE L. ELLIS.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN.

JAMES H. WESTON.

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## OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

CHAIRMAN,

SECRETARY,

MATTHEW H. CUSHING.

GEORGE L. ELLIS.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

CHARLES H. MORSS, M. A.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

*Teachers:* SULLIVAN, DOANE, AND ELLIS.

*Supplies:* ELLIS, SULLIVAN, AND CUSHING.

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## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Nos. 8, 10, 11, and 12, MATTHEW H. CUSHING.

Nos. 13, 14, and 17, GEORGE L. ELLIS.

Nos. 1, 2, and 3, ADELINE V. WOOD.

Nos. 4, 16, and 19, JAMES H. WESTON.

Nos. 20, 21, and 22, AUGUSTUS PRATT.

Nos. 5, 6, 15, and 18, MESSRS. DOANE AND SULLIVAN.

Office hours of Superintendent of Schools, 4 to 5 every school day, Town House, East Room.

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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*To the Citizens of Middleborough :*

Of the necessity and wisdom of a skilful and intelligent supervision of the public schools of the present day, in order to secure the most productive results, there can be but one opinion. So universal is this observation that it is now generally admitted that the schools depend almost as much upon efficient supervision as upon skilful teaching; and that the schools are no exception to the general rule that, where important interests are involved, it is wise economy to commit the general management to the hands of one competent superintendent.

That the new departure made by the town last year, in putting its schools under the direct control of a superintendent, was wise and prudent and productive of good results will distinctly appear, not only from the report of the Superintendent, but also from the following communication from the Agent of the State Board of Education who recently visited many of our schools with the following gratifying results :—

“Three years ago I made a somewhat thorough inspection of the schools of Middleborough. I have recently revisited about half of them, and gladly comply with your request to give you my impression of their condition.

Comparing the present with the past, I find a decided improvement in three directions.

*First.* The organization of the schools is more complete and more efficient. The classification is better, especially in the mixed schools, and the work is laid out with more care and more equally distributed.

*Second.* The methods of instruction in the lower grades are greatly improved, so that there is a perceptible gain in the quantity and quality of the work done by the younger children.

*Third.* I find more interest and life among the pupils in the rural schools. The work in them is more uniform, and they are better supplied with the means of teaching.

All these improvements are directly traceable to the employment of a superintendent, and could not have been made without it. A system of schools, as much as a system of



government needs *one executive head*, who can be held responsible for the administration, so far as he is free in the exercise of his functions.

A single year can show only the beginning of improvement. I think your town adopted the new system none too soon for the good of the schools, and for economy in the use of the school money.

Grave deficiencies still exist. The written language work is still defective, and the work in arithmetic is not as intelligent as it should be.

Some of the rural schoolhouses are out of repair, and many of the outbuildings are full of filth and obscenity. They are as disgusting to the physical as they are degrading to the moral sense.

I think the superintendent should be intrusted with plenary authority in regard to these matters.

Such, very briefly stated, are my impressions concerning the present condition and needs of your schools.

GEO. H. MARTIN,

*Agent State Board of Education.*

BRIDGEWATER, Jan. 22, 1886."

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

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Mendall & Weston, repairs . . . . .	\$7 68
A. T. Lyon, repairs . . . . .	25 34
C. H. Briggs . . . . .	13 62
Jones Bros., window shades . . . . .	3 90
B. F. Tripp, table . . . . .	6 00
G. L. Ellis, cash advanced . . . . .	28 20
E. S. Ritchie . . . . .	5 85
Paine's Furniture Co., desk for office . . . . .	45 00
M. A. Rhodehouse, freight on desk, No. 13 . . . . .	78
H. Clark, carting desk . . . . .	25
Geo. Soule, furniture . . . . .	41 75
N. Y. & B. Express Co. . . . .	17 00
C. G. Wrightington, labor, No. 8 . . . . .	1 08
A. H. Andrews, labor, No. 13 . . . . .	7 05
I. Soule, No. 18 . . . . .	1 00
C. A. Wood, inscribing H. S. diplomas . . . . .	3 25
C. Hartwell, labor, No. 18 . . . . .	1 00
S. Washburn . . . . .	11 55
G. J. Rugg, No. 18 . . . . .	12 13
J. Weston, No. 4 . . . . .	7 18
H. A. Sparrow, stock and labor . . . . .	50 74
James A. Burgess, No. 4 . . . . .	2 50
D. T. Weston, stock and labor, No. 8 . . . . .	6 46
F. A. Atwood, labor, No. 11 . . . . .	60
L. Tinkham, No. 18 . . . . .	10 94
J. M. Coombs, printing . . . . .	10 75
J. Shaw's bill . . . . .	7 06
M. H. Cushing . . . . .	68
J. A. Thomas, No. 14 . . . . .	1 66
Mrs. L. F. Baxter, cleaning house, No. 4 . . . . .	2 00
R. Bunker, No. 21 . . . . .	5 00
A. Tinkham, postage stamps . . . . .	2 00
G. E. Doane, cash advanced . . . . .	3 75
Miss F. A. Kendall, cleaning house, No. 12 . . . . .	2 50
J. F. Shurtleff, No. 12 . . . . .	1 00
G. H. Sisson, labor, No. 17 . . . . .	1 00
Z. Clark, labor, No. 17 . . . . .	3 75
W. B. Wood, radiator for H. S. room . . . . .	79 19
J. & G. E. Doane's bill . . . . .	25 00
Rental of Peirce Academy . . . . .	133 00
H. H. Sylvester, printing . . . . .	7 00
F. W. Hayden, clock . . . . .	2 00
S. E. Sturtevant, labor, No. 19 . . . . .	2 60
F. B. Gibbs, sundries . . . . .	1 20
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$598 99</b>

## TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Annie H. Weston . . . . .	\$19 50
Alice C. Ryder . . . . .	4 65
Lizzie M. Schouler . . . . .	4 65
Annie M. Gammons . . . . .	4 65
Omar H. Gibbs . . . . .	11 43
Alton B. Atwood . . . . .	4 65
Nellie W. Bennett . . . . .	6 75
Lula B. Thomas . . . . .	15 07
Harry L. Rogers . . . . .	4 65
Lulie W. Thomas . . . . .	11 43
Herbert A. Cobb . . . . .	4 00
M. P. Alden . . . . .	4 00
Sadie O. Morse . . . . .	4 00
Della L. Barrows . . . . .	6 78
Flora H. Atwood . . . . .	6 78
Lucretia B. Shurtleff . . . . .	8 93
N. S. Cushing . . . . .	10 25
Granville E. Tillson . . . . .	6 78
Mabel W. Clark . . . . .	12 00
Cora F. Thompson . . . . .	4 00
Florence Deane . . . . .	6 40
Edith M. Chase . . . . .	4 00
Bessie F. Merrihew . . . . .	2 00
Melvin E. Thomas . . . . .	15 07
Total . . . . .	\$182 42

## EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

School No. 2 . . . . .	\$211 75	School No. 16 . . . . .	211 50
" " 3 . . . . .	229 50	" " 17 . . . . .	166 25
" " 4 . . . . .	237 50	" " 19 . . . . .	228 00
" " 6 . . . . .	200 12	" " 20 . . . . .	219 75
" " 8 . . . . .	215 50	" " 21 . . . . .	205 37
" " 10 . . . . .	214 00	" " 22 . . . . .	112 50
" " 11 . . . . .	146 00	" " 18 . . . . .	2,942 93
" " 12 . . . . .	220 25	High School . . . . .	1,267 65
" " 13 . . . . .	224 55		
" " 14 . . . . .	207 50	Total . . . . .	\$7,460 62
Paid for transportation from No. 22 to 18 . . . . .			68 75
" " " 1 " 2 . . . . .			91 75
" " " 5 " 6 . . . . .			17 50
Total . . . . .			\$7,638 62
Amount appropriated . . . . .	\$10,000 00		
Received from Rochester . . . . .	19 00		
" " Bridgewater . . . . .	25 50		
High School tuition . . . . .	170 00		
Grammar School tuition . . . . .	8 00		
Tuition No. 12 . . . . .	3 75		
Total . . . . .			10,196 25
Balance unexpended . . . . .			\$2,557 63

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Boston School Supply Co. . . . .	\$111 24
H. L. Thatcher & Co. . . . .	183 31
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.. . . .	376 23
Pulsifer, Jordan & Wilson . . . . .	32 81
“ “ “ . . . . .	6 70
Lee & Shepard . . . . .	34 18
J. L. Hammett . . . . .	28 78
Ginn & Co. . . . .	95 88
J. B. Lippincott & Co.. . . .	14 35
Carrol W. Clark . . . . .	116 24
Harper & Bros. . . . .	32 59
Cowperthwait & Co . . . . .	115 61
Thompson, Brown & Co. . . . .	55 05
Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.. . . .	81 78
Knight, Adams & Co. . . . .	21 10
Warren P. Adams . . . . .	11 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill . . . . .	28 55
Winkley, Dresser & Co. . . . .	10 80
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. . . . .	46 75
Harris, Rogers & Co. . . . .	26 09
D. Appleton & Co. . . . .	24 85
“ “ “ . . . . .	5 85
Carl Schoenhof . . . . .	15 78
C. H. Whiting & Co.. . . .	56 56
E. H. Butler . . . . .	6 50
Total . . . . .	<u>\$1,539 39</u>
Supplies, incidental, and transportation . . . . .	\$2,320 80
Amount appropriated for incidental expenses . \$2,070 00	
Sale of books to Lakeville . . . . .	16 00
Sale of books to pupils . . . . .	8 00
	<u>2,094 00</u>
Amount overdrawn . . . . .	<u>\$226 80</u>

## CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT FOR SCHOOLHOUSE AT WAPPANUCKETT.

To cash paid W. H. Southworth. . . . .	\$794 00
“ “ Fall River Granite Co. . . . .	10 00
“ “ Union School Furniture Co. . . . .	69 75
“ “ Isaac N. Vaughan . . . . .	7 75
“ “ J. & G. E. Doane . . . . .	21 05
“ “ T. W. Peirce . . . . .	2 79
“ “ B. P. W. Lovell . . . . .	2 91
Total . . . . .	<u>\$908 25</u>

## RECEIVED.

Appropriation from town	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,000 00	
Sale of old schoolhouse	.	.	.	.	.	20 00	
						<hr/>	\$1,020 00
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	.	.	.	<hr/> \$111 75

## REPORT.

Your Committee, having approved the subjoined report of the Superintendent of Schools, respectfully invite your attention to the same.

MATTHEW H. CUSHING,  
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# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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*To the School Committee of the Town of Middleborough:*

The report of the work of the schools for the year 1885 is herewith submitted. The months of May and June were the end of the school year, and also the time in which the Superintendent was introduced to his work. It was necessary, therefore, that they should be spent in studying the progress made by the classes during the year preceding, and also in the formation of methods of work for the succeeding year, beginning in September.

The plan is outlined. Results are of slower growth, and we can only predict the possibilities. The aim has been to put into practical operation in the school-room the methods of the best schools of the country; those methods founded on true pedagogical principles. That there is a science of education, as well as of medicine and law, is now a recognized fact in all intelligent communities. What anatomy is to the student of medicine, Blackstone to the student of law, pedagogics should be to the teacher. A natural aptitude to teach is, of course, essential in all teachers; but that this aptitude can be made to render more efficient service by proper training must be acknowledged.

The acquisition of knowledge is not the sole end of school instruction. Where it is made so, only those of powerful memories can attain distinction, and success in life depends less on memory than on reason. In addition to acquiring useful information, and of more importance than it, is the attainment of good methods of mental activity; the attainment of the ability to depend on self; the attainment of the harmonious development of the mental, moral, and physical nature. The legitimate work of a school is so to train the mind to right methods of thought that the child can acquire for himself; so to train the moral sense that he instinctively turns to noble acts and thoughts. No series of written or oral examinations, no per cents., can estimate such an education.



Human intellect does not allow itself to be measured by any mathematical scale. Success in life is not estimated in per cents, and in school we are supposed to train the immature mind to encounter the world; then why not estimate success in the one the same as in the other?

The work of a teacher is that of directing the self-activities into the proper channels. That training in which information is the only aim, that teacher whose highest ambition is to have her pupils answer glibly any question from a given text-book, are, we hope, no more found in the schools. Teachers and parents both see that there is something more for their children to be gained from the public school than the mere "going through the book"; something more than the committing to memory facts and dates, and the solution of intricate mathematical puzzles.

### REPORTS.

Since September, teachers have made monthly reports of attendance to the Superintendent, giving statistics with regard to absence, tardiness, dismissions, truancy, corporal punishments, and visits; also other reports showing the work accomplished by each class during the month. From these reports it can readily be seen if the work of one school is flagging, and not keeping pace with others in the town, and measures can be taken to remedy the defect. The statistics of tardiness, dismissions, etc., given below are for the autumn term, and are taken from these reports.

### STATISTICS.

Number of children between five and fifteen, May 1, 1885 . . . . .		864
Whole number enrolled,	Winter term . . . . .	762
	Spring " . . . . .	799
	Autumn " . . . . .	861
Average membership,	Winter " . . . . .	727
	Spring " . . . . .	746
	Autumn " . . . . .	788
Average attendance,	Winter " . . . . .	639
	Spring " . . . . .	666
	Autumn " . . . . .	720
Per cent. of daily attendance based on average membership,		
	Winter term . . . . .	84
	Spring " . . . . .	89
	Autumn " . . . . .	91

Number cases of tardiness Autumn term . . . . .	635
“ dismissals before close of session . . . . .	661
Number of truants, Autumn term . . . . .	17
“ visitors, “ “ . . . . .	506
“ visits by the Superintendent . . . . .	213
“ neither absent nor tardy for the year . . . . .	31
Number of schools in town . . . . .	24
“ “ teachers required . . . . .	29
“ “ different teachers during the year . . . . .	41
Schools having an average attendance of less than 10 pupils, France, Redding.	
Between 10 and 20, Waterville, Thompsonville, Thomastown, Wappanuckett, Neck, Purchade, and North Middleborough (Pleasant Street and Plymouth Street).	
“ 20 and 30, Green, Nemasket, South Middleborough, Highland, Rock, Fall Brook.	
“ 30 and 50, Village Primary, Nos. 1 to 4.	
Above 50, High, Grammar, Nos. 1 and 2, Interme- diate.	

The per cent. of attendance based on the membership has varied widely in the different parts of the town, from  $70\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. to  $98\frac{3}{5}$  per cent. Eleven schools have an average above 90, as follows:—

High . . . . .	$98\frac{3}{5}$ per cent.
Intermediate . . . . .	$94\frac{4}{5}$ “
Fall Brook . . . . .	$94\frac{4}{5}$ “
Thomastown . . . . .	$94\frac{3}{5}$ “
Primary No. 1 . . . . .	$93\frac{3}{4}$ “
Grammar No. 1 . . . . .	$93\frac{3}{4}$ “
“ No. 2 . . . . .	$93\frac{3}{5}$ “
Primary No. 2 . . . . .	$93\frac{1}{4}$ “
Rock . . . . .	92 “
Primary No. 3 . . . . .	$91\frac{1}{5}$ “
Wappanuckett . . . . .	$90\frac{1}{2}$ “

A case of diphtheria at the Neck reduced the average attendance of that school during the spring term to only five pupils. The Green School was closed two weeks in December, on account of a few cases of scarlet fever. No other serious disturbance of the schools by disease has occurred. The average attendance is low, and is due to the ready consent of parents to grant their children an excuse to absent themselves. If parents would consider how much more diffi-

cult they render the teacher's work, and how much they retard the progress of the child by allowing an absence from school, there would be no cause to complain of our low average attendance. It is undoubtedly true that fully one half of the absences are unnecessary.

Seventeen truants were reported during the autumn term. A few of these are so persistent in their truancy that they might almost be considered habitual truants. Commitment of the worst cases to a truant school would undoubtedly have a beneficial effect on the regularity of the attendance of those remaining.

During the year, thirty-one have been neither absent nor tardy. They are as follows:—

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Susie L. Cushman.	Florence Robinson.
Estelle B. Coombs.	Mary H. Swift.
Myra Cushing.	Lulie W. Thomas.
Florence Deane.	Helen K. Thompson.
Lillie M. Monroe.	Melvin E. Thomas.
Ernest D. Sherman.	

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Jennie Donelson.	John Sheehan.
Mabel Monroe.	Eben Shaw.
Herbert Southworth.	Arthur Weston.
Arthur Tripp.	

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Tommie Belmont.	Leonard Tillson.
Willie Adams.	Gussie Thomas.
John Luippold.	Lizzie Sheehan.
Bertie Tripp.	

#### FIRST PRIMARY.

Ida Thomas.	Harry Swift.
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#### WATERVILLE.

Addie Washburn.	Frank Lee.
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#### ROCK.

Rena Dunham.

#### FALL BROOK.

Bertie Thomas.

## SCHOOLHOUSES.

With the exception of the new buildings and a few others, the schoolhouses need a liberal application of paint and white-wash. The Neck, Nemasket, and Redding houses need other repairs in addition. The out-buildings, however, demand more immediate attention than the school-rooms themselves. In some districts, especially Nemasket, Purchase, Redding, Rock, Fall Brook, Waterville, and France, a thorough renovation is needed. The interiors of these have been shockingly marked and cut, each year adding something to that of the year before, till they now are unfit for use. Once placed in good condition, the teacher can cause them to be kept so, and hers should be the responsibility. The Thomastown building was put into good condition during the summer, and, to the credit of the children and teacher, great care is taken that it be kept so. The same may be said of the buildings at South Middleborough, Wappanuckett, and Union Street. Too much cannot be said on the necessity of keeping these buildings in good order for their moral effect.

None of the schoolhouses are provided with any means for the escape of impure air, save through the windows. Ventilation by opening the windows is attended with great danger to pupils, but there is greater danger in breathing impurities. In none of our buildings are there cubic feet enough of air to last longer than half an hour without change. One child vitiates from eight to ten cubic feet of air a minute, and in some of our crowded rooms the air would become absolutely poisonous in about twenty minutes were it not changed.

To get rid of the foul and to admit pure air, the doors and windows have to be opened. That children may not take cold by exposure to draughts during this process of ventilation gymnastic exercises are given. These exercises are given at intervals during the day whenever the air becomes impure. With some provision for ventilation, much time might be saved for the teaching; but health first of all must be considered.

Minor repairs to floors, plastering, blackboards, and desks will be needed in many districts.

The small room on the second floor of the School Street building has been fitted up for temporary use, till better accommodation can be provided, but it is much too small for permanent use. The three schools in this house, taught by four teachers, are crowded beyond their capacity, one room having two more pupils than there are desks. The Union



Street building, with two schools and four teachers, is as full as consistent with good teaching. The two schools in the Academy are large for primary work, having registered eighty-eight pupils during the autumn term. Space must be reserved here for the new-comers, who will make their appearance with the pleasant weather in spring.

The environment of a child is a great factor in the formation of character, and our school-rooms and grounds should be neat, clean, and attractive. If a room be attractive, the children take pleasure in keeping it so, and, by so doing, aid to make their own characters attractive. As impure air causes a deterioration of the physical being, so dingy walls and a gloomy room produce a like effect on the moral nature. It should be the aim to render all our school-rooms as pleasant and as homelike as possible.

#### TEACHERS.

Twenty-nine teachers are required by the schools. Most of the changes that have occurred have been in the ungraded schools. These have been caused partly by incompetency, partly by promotion. Teachers who have shown themselves to be competent for their work are unwilling to remain in our smaller schools at the very low salary paid, unless for some reason Middleborough be preferred as a place of residence.

Monthly meetings of the teachers have been held at the Superintendent's office, at which all are required to be present. Methods of work are discussed and illustrations of teaching given with classes from the schools. These meetings have materially aided in bringing the work of the schools in the different parts of the town into harmony with one system.

#### TEXT-BOOKS.

The cost of keeping up the supply of text-books, after all the books are owned by the town, is a point on which various estimates have been made. The experience of cities and towns where free text-books have been the rule for several years is valuable. Last year (1884-85), in one city, with an average membership of 7,696, the expenditure for books was \$8,035.96, or \$1.04 $\frac{2}{3}$  for each pupil. The town of W., with free text-books for twelve years, spent \$1.50; the town of A., after an experience of seven years, spent \$1.39 for each pupil last year. The average of ten towns that introduced the system in 1884 is \$3.22 for each pupil for the two years. Middleborough has spent \$3.06.

Many pupils still have books of their own. As these

advance to higher classes and others take their places, a new supply will be needed. It has been found that the average length of time a book will last is about three years; that is, one third of the books belonging to the town will have to be replaced each year. Perishable supplies, or articles that by using are unfit for further use, such as writing and drawing books, pencils, pens, paper, etc., have to be renewed each year. In the aggregate, furnishing free text-books is much less expensive than for each individual to buy his own, but the burden is differently distributed, and placed where it will be the least felt. Since the passage of the law, the high and grammar schools all over the State have increased their numbers. More now receive the benefits of our higher grades. The increase in Middleborough is not so marked as in many other towns, but there has been some gain here.

In addition to the books that are placed in the hands of each pupil, more books for collateral study and reading are necessary. The supply of reference books is very meagre in most of the schools; in some none at all, beyond an abridged dictionary. The study of history and of geography cannot be properly conducted without something more than the one text-book for each pupil. The books give only a mere outline, and, that the topical methods may be used, these should be supplemented by others. Pupils should study a subject broadly in school that they may form correct habits of study; that is, they should learn how to study, how to find out things for themselves. A school that attains this end has accomplished all that can be expected of it. The ability to acquire knowledge is of more value than the mere possession. Our schools must teach the former, and, in attaining that, they of necessity accomplish the latter. The public library has rendered great service to the schools in supplying them with nearly all the collateral reading they have had; but a single book that must be accessible to every inhabitant of the town cannot be made to do the work required in a school. Books to be useful must be in a position to be readily used. They should be in the school-room where they may be consulted at any and at all times. A little has been done in this direction in the High School. A few copies of different histories have been placed there for general reference. An inspection of the work in that department will show what great service they have rendered. The same good results would follow a similar plan for the other schools.



## UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

By an ungraded school, outside of the cities, is generally meant a school in the sparsely settled districts, in which studies are taken up without definite order, whenever it suits the caprice of teacher, parent, or pupil. When a skilled educator was in charge, no harm could come from this lack of system; but, unfortunately, it was rarely that such a person could be obtained for such a school, and the result was too frequently disastrous to the mental growth of the pupils. Studies were taken up without regard to whether the mind of the pupil was fitted to receive them. For instance, geography is a subject which has a definite place in a course of study, and should not be begun till the mind is well prepared to receive it. Yet in many instances, children who could scarcely read intelligently in the second reader have been found with geographies in their hands, struggling to fix in their minds the (to them) meaningless phrases and unpronounceable names. It has long been the custom in the graded schools to prepare the way for this study by carefully directed oral lessons and lessons by observation; and the results justify the means. If such a course be advantageous to a graded, why not to an ungraded school?

That our mixed or ungraded schools can be graded has been sufficiently demonstrated in other towns, and in a few of our own schools. With a well-defined course of study, showing the order in which subjects should be taken up, the work of these schools will be less complex, and the unequal training so commonly found will no longer prevail. The work of the nine years of the primary and grammar course has been formulated, and, as far as possible, the ungraded schools made to conform to definite grade, and to progress evenly with the graded system, so that when the nine years have been completed, and classes from all parts of the town come together in the High School, they will all have a similar preparation, whether they come from the northern, southern, or eastern part of the town, or from the village schools. This will enable the teachers of the High School to do more satisfactory and more advanced work.

Very few changes have been made in the course of study, save that more time is devoted to language, to teaching to speak and write correctly, and less to the abstractions of technical grammar. The simple forms of single-entry book-keeping are taken up with the arithmetic in the last year of the grammar school.

## VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

There are nine grades of work in the village schools, three primary, two intermediate, and four grammar, each grade representing one year's work. The first grade consists of the two schools in the Academy; the second and third occupy the lower floor of the School Street building. The Intermediate School, comprising the fourth and fifth grades, is on the upper floor of the same building. The four grammar grades, six to nine inclusive, are in the Union Street building. Last June it was found that the class to be promoted from Miss Lovell's to Miss Arnold's room was so large that it would place more in the latter room than there were seats for; so, instead of sending the class up stairs, the grade of the lower school was raised and promotions made in that way. Instead of having the fifth and sixth grades as formerly, the lower room now comprises the sixth and seventh. Fifteen pupils of the sixth grade were found competent to do the work of the eighth, and were transferred to Miss Arnold's room. The fifth-grade class is now in the School Street building, intermediate room, where an assistant has been employed to aid in teaching the seventy-four pupils who assemble there.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School had an attendance of seventy-two in the winter term, which decreased to sixty-nine during the spring term. The class that was graduated in June numbered thirteen. Thirty-seven applied for admission for the year beginning in September, of whom thirty-one were admitted. Of this number, sixteen were from the Grammar School, three each from Purchase and Thompsonville, two each from Rock and Thomastown, and one each from Nemasket, Fall Brook, France, Carver, and the Eaton School. Twenty-one were received without condition and ten on probation.

A second assistant was deemed necessary on account of the large number of classes that must recite each day, and Miss Dora Peirce, a graduate of the four-years' course at the Bridgewater Normal School, was elected to the position. To provide another recitation-room, the girls' cloak-room was furnished for the purpose, the boys' coat-room was appropriated for the girls, and the entrance hall provided with hooks for the use of the boys. This arrangement, although having inconveniences, was the best that could be made under the circum-

stances. The principal inconvenience arises from the small size and insufficient light of the new recitation-room.

It is plain to all visiting the school that it has outgrown its present quarters. The seating capacity of the school-room is only eighty sittings, and there have been seventy-eight pupils. These eighty sittings have been provided only at the sacrifice of floor space needed for other purposes. The outlook for next year is very promising for the success of the school so far as numbers are concerned. There are thirteen in the graduating class, and sixty-one doing the work of the last year of the grammar course. Of these last, forty-five will probably be well qualified to enter. What to do with them will be a perplexing problem. The recitation-rooms are too small and too poorly ventilated to admit of a class occupying them all the time, and no more desks can, by any possibility, be crowded into the school-room.

A few changes have been made in the course of study, whereby it was expected the subjects studied could be taken up more in detail. By the new curriculum, more time is given to the study of the English language and literature, and to history. Those who wish to prepare for college omit the science of the third and fourth years, and take Greek in the place. There are now two courses of study, the English and the classical, which for the first two years are the same; but, in the third and fourth years, Greek and the other subjects necessary for admission to college are taken in place of those not tending directly to that end.

The greatest needs of this school, next to more room, are more reference books and apparatus for aiding in the study of physics and chemistry.

For a list of the requirements for admission, the course of study may be consulted. After finishing satisfactorily the course through the ninth grade, pupils are entitled to take up the work of the High School course.

The following is a list of the graduates of the class of 1885 :

#### FOUR YEARS CLASSICAL.

Stephen A. Drew.

#### THREE YEARS CLASSICAL.

Orrin R. Smith.

#### FOUR YEARS ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL.

Annie M. Alden.

Alton B. Atwood.

W. H. Dorigan.

## FOUR YEARS ENGLISH.

Sumner W. Hines.

Harry S. Rogers.

## THREE YEARS ENGLISH.

Bertha H. Champlin.  
Nellie M. Shaw.Clara B. Pettee.  
Wm. H. McMann.Irene B. Pratt.  
Frank E. Tucker.

## READING.

In teaching reading, as in teaching everything else, the order must be, first the thought, then its expression by words. Hence it includes both silent and oral reading; silent for the thought, oral for the expression. To secure fluency, practice in reading at sight must be given. As most of the reading that will be done by the child after his school training is finished will be at sight, to give him the proper training, his reading in school should be largely of the same nature. As we do not study the newspapers or a story before reading them aloud, so in a school we should not insist on the study of a reading lesson, but should have much sight reading. For this method a large amount of reading matter is required. Fortunately, there is plenty of good literature for children that can be employed for this purpose. Simple stories that contain useful information are of great help. That sight reading produces more fluent readers has been amply demonstrated in practice. In fact, in one of our schools the reading is wholly at sight; no reading lesson is studied before it is read. It may be a coincidence only, but in that school there is the best reading we have in town. The proper use of the voice is a part, though not the most important part, of the instruction in reading. For this work elocutionary drill should be given.

It has been found a great saving of time to teach children to read script before print. In this way lessons about the objects in the school can be easily given. By copying the words learned, a means of employment for the little ones while sitting at their desks is furnished. After they can read readily at sight simple sentences in script, that is, after the first three or four months, the transition to the printed word and sentence is made, and, if the teaching has been as it should be, no difficulty is experienced in the transition, but after a few days they read as readily in the one form as in the other. The change from script to print has been found much easier than from print to script.



After the third reader has been finished, and even before, reading should be more as a means of acquiring information than for elocutionary drill. For this purpose, geographical and historical stories are used, and thus, as supplementary reading, the study of geography and history is introduced. Such stories as we were able to get have been read for this purpose, and more could have been done with more material. Some of the stories that experience has proved useful for this purpose are Miss Andrews' *Seven Little Sisters* and *Each and All*, Miss Hall's *Our World*, *Stories from American History*, *Old World Stories*, *Robinson Crusoe*, *Swiss Family Robinson*, and the like.

Instead of a fifth reader in the highest classes (ninth grade), American prose authors are read, and an introduction given to the study of our own literature. Irving and Hawthorne have been studied more than any other writers. The teaching has been directed to cultivating the reading habit and a taste for good reading.

In addition to the above, the newspapers have formed a part of the reading matter. Reading about the late war in the Balkans furnished excellent opportunities to teach well European geography, and our best teachers have not neglected to make good use of such material in their instruction.

The several series of readers in use in the town have been grouped into sets. The schools in the northern part are furnished with one series, those in the eastern part with another, those in the southern part with another, and so on. At the end of six or eight weeks, when these books have been read through, an exchange is made between the different sections. When these in their turn have been read, another change is made, and so on. In this way every pupil in town has the advantage of *all* the reading matter furnished, and no more books are required than when every pupil in town was furnished with one and the same kind of reader. When a child has finished one first reader, he is not put at once to a second reader. The advance is too great to be made at once without more preparation; consequently he is given a first reader of another series, then another, and so on, till he has read perhaps half a dozen. Then he is fitted for a second. The same method is pursued with the second, and likewise with all grades. By the one series system, pupils reached the fourth and fifth readers before they were able to comprehend a third. To be sure, they called the words rightly, and read with expression, but yet had no comprehension of the mean-

ing of what they read. They read mechanically. We have frequently heard persons read fluently, and with fairly good expression, some foreign language, but who had no conception of what they read, knowing only the rules for pronunciation. Fifth readers to a child of eight or nine are as unintelligible as if written in French or German, yet sometimes children of that age read very fluently in them. They read for *words*, not *thoughts*. The teachers in our schools have labored zealously to improve the reading and break up this mechanical habit, and in most cases have been successful.

### ARITHMETIC.

Children, to acquire a conception of numbers, must associate objects with them, so for the first two years of school-life objects are used in the teaching. Nothing is done with number in the abstract during this time. The method used by most of the teachers is a modification of the Grube method. All the combinations and separations are taught simultaneously by the use of objects, instead of dwelling on addition till it is mastered, then proceeding to subtraction. After the second year, abstract work begins to be given, but practical exercises, such as buying goods at a store, ready reckoning with small numbers, and the like, are largely dwelt upon. Oral instruction only is given till the fifth grade is reached, when a book may be used. In the fifth and sixth grades, White's Elementary, and in the seventh, eighth, and ninth, White's Complete Arithmetic form the text-book standard.

In the ninth grade the simple forms of single-entry book-keeping, except the partnership accounts, are studied.

Throughout the course solving practical problems is to be made a more prominent feature than working by rule intricate puzzles with numbers; for it is here that one of the great weaknesses of the schools is displayed. Pupils can solve the problems in the book when they know a rule by which to work them, but give them practical examples such as are met with in every-day life, and they fail utterly to reason them out. Rule, not reason, has been followed to too great an extent.

### GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

These two subjects, as too commonly taught, seem to have no connection with each other; but, taught as they should be, they really belong together, and should form a part



of the supplementary reading. It is of more importance that a child know something about the people of a country, than that he should be able to name all the towns in a certain section of that country. For instance, the subject of France should not be considered taught when a pupil can bound the country, name the principal cities, rivers, mountains, and productions, and yet knows nothing of Napoleon. A large part of the matter in geography that pupils commit to memory may as well be omitted, for they learn it only to forget it. The memory may be better strengthened by committing to memory something that will be of *permanent* use.

To describe, in words, to a child who has never seen them, a lake or a mountain, will give him no conception of what they really are. The smallest children need something more than word pictures. That their definitions of continents, islands, peninsulas, etc., may call up in their minds some experience, that they may be something more than empty words, moulding in clay or sand the forms described, has been used with good results. After the mind is well prepared in this way, and the geographical language is comprehended, the pupils are allowed to use text-books. At first, however, they are used as supplementary readers, and not till the fifth year are they studied independently. Books of travel and of discovery are read whenever it is possible to obtain them. Map drawing, from copy and from memory, is taught, in order permanently to fix in mind outlines and relative positions. Most of our classes are able, accurately and with facility, to draw from memory the map of any country they have studied.

The story is the beginning of the teaching of history, and is employed at first in connection with the geography. In both subjects study and recitations are conducted by the topical method, and little by the system of question and answer. Pupils are encouraged to talk about the lessons, and, if they know a subject, they are always ready to talk. The study of the history of the United States forms the basis of the grammar-school historical course, and three years are devoted to it. In the first year a study of the most prominent events and men is made in a connected manner, so that an impression of the main points of our history in their connection is given. The next year the detailed study of events with their causes and effect is taken up to 1789. The last year, the period since 1789 is studied, together with an exposition of the Constitution. The history of other countries, where it has a direct bearing on our own, is briefly treated. When the plan on

which the schools are now working has been further developed, more collateral history will be possible, and then English history may be taken up in these grammar grades, as is done largely in advanced grammar schools elsewhere.

## LANGUAGE.

Closely allied to the efforts which are making for the formation of habits of good reading stands the work of teaching the correct use of language.

Grammar never taught any one to speak and write correctly. It simply tells us the usage which is sanctioned by good writers and speakers. We must learn to use good language by using it. As all are not trained to this at home, the schools must aim to supply the lack ; to do which the teacher must insist on correct language from the very beginning of the school course. If children hear and read only pure and correct English, they will never use any other. It is not natural perversity nor wilful ignorance that leads a child to express his thoughts in incorrect forms, but because he has heard and imitated the expressions of others. Hence arises the necessity of giving him only good models for imitation.

It is in this branch that our schools show the *greatest* weakness. Training in this all-important subject begins with the day the child first enters school, and should continue till he leaves. Writing, talking, and reading — all are made language lessons. From the first no piece of work is accepted unless it is correct. Attention is not called to errors, lest a confused picture of right and wrong be left on the mind ; but, if work is wrong, it is erased and made right. Correcting false syntax is not made use of by our teachers, because the tendency of such teaching is to confuse the pupil. Instead of calling his attention to the wrong expression, his thoughts are directed to the correct, and nothing said about the other. As we would teach virtue by virtuous example, so we must teach good language by examples of good language.

Letter writing, changing poetry to prose, conversational exercises (in which pupils do the talking) about some important topic, writing on the topics of the various lessons, form the daily work in language in all grades. Every day each pupil is expected to have *at least one* written exercise to give him practice in expressing his thoughts with his pen. These exercises are not always corrected by the teacher, for there is not time for so much, but they are read aloud and commented

on, and only occasionally corrected by the teacher of the class.

Technical grammar is studied to a limited extent in the eighth and ninth grades, and finished in the High School. Expression in speech and in writing is taught by a critical study of some masterpiece of literature in which the object sought is the thought and its expression. The selection that has been studied in this way by the ninth grade is Scott's "Lady of the Lake." The classes have developed a wonderful enthusiasm for this study, which no amount of technical grammar could create. The effect is seen in the greater purity of language, the greater and more extended vocabulary, and the greater exactness in the choice and use of words. The utility of such study in the grammar grades is now no longer a question of doubt, for experience has shown the great advantage arising from it.

Spelling, proper use of capitals, and punctuation form very important parts of the language training.

## WRITING.

There is no good reason why children in the public school should not write well. But it is a lamentable fact that, as a general thing, they do not. Our graded schools have produced better writing than the ungraded, but with the work properly planned and executed there is no reason why, from both graded and ungraded schools, we should not expect almost perfection in writing.

One cause for the poor writing was delaying the beginning of systematic instruction in penmanship till the pupil had formed careless habits by too long use of the pencil. To obviate this difficulty, writing with ink is now begun in the second year primary, and practice in pen holding and finger movements is insisted upon. It has been found by experience that the children who begin to use ink at six years of age will, at the end of one year, write as well as their older brothers of ten or twelve. The same plan is insisted on for both the graded and mixed schools. Considerable advance has been made in this subject, though still there is room for a much greater improvement. Much practice in finger and arm movements is given in most classes, and, in the upper grades, writing with pen is practised in nearly all the written exercises in the other studies.

## DRAWING.

The work in drawing was found to be done in a very desultory manner, some schools doing nothing whatever in that line, although it is required by law. A line of work was marked out, both for those that had had drawing and those that had not.

The object of the study of drawing in the schools is much misunderstood by parents generally, and even by some teachers. The aim is not to teach children to make pretty pictures, but to train the hand and the eye, and through them the mind, to accuracy. Briefly, it is to teach pupils to observe, and having observed to record intelligently their observation. It is a means of expression, and as such should no more be neglected than writing or reading, for all are means for the expression of ideas.

Object drawing is more practised than drawing from flat copy, as tending more to the development of the observing faculty.

Designing is also a part of the instruction. So from the study of drawing not only do the pupils acquire manual dexterity, but also the ability to express thought with the pencil. The work accomplished the first term by the systematizing of this branch has been all that could be reasonably expected. As, however, the work goes on, and more progress is made, better results are hoped for.

## MUSIC.

For many years it has been the custom to have singing of simple songs in all our schools, the time devoted to this recreation being from ten to fifteen minutes daily.

Music has come to be generally recognized as a means of intellectual training, and, if the same principles are employed in teaching it as are applied to other branches, it gives as much strength of mind. It was decided by a vote of the Committee that there should be singing each day; accordingly your Superintendent directed the teachers to employ ten to fifteen minutes daily in the systematic teaching of the science, and gave an outline of the work expected. The methods used are those suggested by Mr. H. E. Holt, the eminent teacher of music in Boston schools.

To cultivate the musical sense and to develop the musical faculty in beginners, rote songs are used, but scale practice is begun very early. In the lowest grades children are able to



sing, at sight, simple exercises from the board. In the third grade, the highest primary school in the village, the children sing, at sight, difficult exercises in one part in several keys. In higher grades two-part songs are sung by note at sight. This much has been accomplished in three months without books or charts, without giving to it more than fifteen minutes a day. Further progress will require a small expenditure to furnish the necessary material for work. Singing materially aids the reading, for the voices of children can be more easily trained in song than by any elocutionary drill. Voice training is of too much importance to suffer it to be neglected. The harsh tones so commonly heard in schools twenty-five years ago cannot be found where music has been properly taught.

#### CONCLUSION.

Such, in brief outline, is the work we are striving to accomplish in our schools, and fair progress has been made toward attaining these ends. If we wish to have pure water in a river, we must look to the purity of the springs at its source; if the springs be pure, the whole river will be pure. So in a system of education, we must look to the primary schools first. With these working in the right direction, in the course of time the whole system must be benefited.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MORSS, M. A.,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS., Dec. 31, 1885.

## COURSE OF STUDY.

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### FIRST GRADE OR THIRD PRIMARY.

**READING.** — Script from the blackboard. Primers and First Readers. Print to be taught after the pupils can read at sight about two hundred words (script characters).

**SPELLING.** — By copying words from the reading lessons. Phonic spelling.

**LANGUAGE.** — In connection with all exercises. The last term children may write, in short sentences, descriptions of pictures or familiar objects. Attention should never be called to errors. Sentences to be correct in every particular.

**ARITHMETIC.** — Numbers (with objects) in all combinations to ten.

**WRITING.** — Copying words and sentences on slate and practice paper.

**DRAWING.** — Stick laying, paper cutting, clay modelling, and other occupations. Object made to be drawn on slate and paper. Drawing in outline (two dimensions) from object.

### SECOND GRADE OR SECOND PRIMARY.

**READING.** — First and Second Readers. Alphabet to be committed to memory in order of the letters, for future convenience in consulting books of reference.

**SPELLING.** — Copying words and sentences. Phonic analysis.

**LANGUAGE.** — First year work continued. Several statements made about one object to be united by proper connecting words and all superfluous words omitted.

**ARITHMETIC.** — Numbers (with objects) in all their combinations, ten to twenty. United States money; pint, quart, gallon, inch, foot, yard.

**WRITING.** — Correct position of holding pen. Practise finger movements with dry pen. Tracing books Nos. 1 and 2 and practice paper *with ink*.

**DRAWING.** — First year work continued. Drawing from object and from dictation. Pictorial representation of objects in two dimensions.

### THIRD GRADE OR FIRST PRIMARY.

**READING.** — Second Readers and supplementary stories from children's magazines. Reading at sight.

**SPELLING.** — Continuation of work of preceding year. Pay particular attention to common words.

**LANGUAGE.** — Work of preceding year continued. Reproduction of stories read. Letter writing. Memory exercises.

**ARITHMETIC.** — Fundamental process to one thousand. Long Division with divisors to twelve. Simple Fractions. Mental Arithmetic. United States money. Ounce, pound, peck, bushel, second, minute, hour.

**GEOGRAPHY.** — Begin with the school-room; teach direction; points of the compass; forms of land and water by use of moulding board with sand or clay. Use the *globe* constantly.

**WRITING.** — Work of preceding year continued. Exercise in slides, ovals, etc. Dictation. Tracing book No. 3 and Copy-book No. 1.

**DRAWING.** — *From objects*. Flower forms, leaves, etc. Dictation and memory drawings. Clay modelling. Geometric design. Primary Drawing Book.



## FOURTH GRADE, OR SECOND INTERMEDIATE.

READING. — Third Readers. Primary Geography, and geographical stories as supplementary reading.

SPELLING. — Writing the words occurring in other lessons, and sentences from copy and from dictation. Particular attention to common words.

LANGUAGE. — Letter writing. Reproduction and memory exercises.

ARITHMETIC. — Fundamental processes to 1,000,000. Fractions, common and decimal (two places). Principal weights and measures. Mental Arithmetic.

GEOGRAPHY. — Grand divisions of land and water from moulding board, globes, maps. Geography of Middleborough, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, and North America. Map drawing from copy. Descriptive Geography as supplementary reading.

WRITING. — Practice in free movements. Dictation. Copy-book No. 2.

DRAWING. — Continuation of the work of preceding year. Industrial Drawing Book No. 1.

## FIFTH GRADE OR FIRST INTERMEDIATE.

READING. — Third Readers. Supplementary reading from papers, magazines, etc.

SPELLING. — Words and sentences from readers and other text-books. Oral spelling may be used occasionally. Written spelling should be the rule. Pay particular attention to common words.

LANGUAGE. — Work of preceding years continued. Letters and composition exercises frequently. Reproduction and memory exercises.

ARITHMETIC. — Fundamental processes, with integers, completed. Common and Decimal Fractions. Mental Arithmetic.

GEOGRAPHY. — United States and other countries. Warren's Primary Geography. Map drawing from copy.

WRITING. — Copy-book No. 3. Exercises.

DRAWING. — Object drawing. Conventionalization in design. Drawing Book No. 2.

## SIXTH GRADE OR FOURTH GRAMMAR.

READING. — Fourth Reader. Stories, geographical and historical.

SPELLING. — From other text-books. Harrington's Speller may be used. Oral spelling occasionally. Particular attention to common words as *their, there, whose, what*, etc.

LANGUAGE. — Mrs. Knox's Elementary Lessons in English. Poetry changed to prose. Letter and composition writing frequently.

ARITHMETIC. — Fractions. Denominate Numbers. Mental Arithmetic.

GEOGRAPHY. — Warren's Brief Course as basis. United States and the rest of North America. Latitude and longitude. Memory and relief maps.

HISTORY. — Readings and talks on American history.

WRITING. — Copy-book No. 4. Exercises.

DRAWING. — Continuation of work of preceding year. Drawing Book No. 3.

## SEVENTH GRADE OR THIRD GRAMMAR.

READING. — Fourth Readers. Supplementary reading.

SPELLING. — See directions for sixth grade.

LANGUAGE. — Mrs. Knox's Elementary Lessons in English. Some simple classic studied for the thought and expression. Letters. Composition and memory exercises.

ARITHMETIC. — White's Complete Arithmetic. Mensuration. Percentage and application (without the element of time). Mental Arithmetic (Colburn's). Writing bills.

GEOGRAPHY. — South America. Europe. Memory maps. Maps by guide lines, also by parallels and meridians. Relief maps. Reading books of travel, etc.

HISTORY. — Primary History as a guide, supplemented by as much collateral reading as possible. The *main* points only to be brought out. Details of battles and minor matters to be omitted. Lessons by topics.

WRITING. — Copy-book No. 5 and exercises.

DRAWING. — From objects and copy. Drawing Book No. 4. Use of half-tint for background. Design.

#### EIGHTH GRADE OR SECOND GRAMMAR.

READING. — Fifth Readers. Supplemented by stories, geographical and historical, and by newspapers.

SPELLING. — See previous year.

LANGUAGE. — Parts of Speech. Plural Forms. Case Forms. Kinds of Sentences. Elements of the Sentence. Poetry to prose. Letters. Compositions. Memory exercises. Study of some simple classic.

ARITHMETIC. — Percentage and applications (with the element of time). Writing notes, drafts, etc. Metric system. Mental Arithmetic.

GEOGRAPHY. — The text-book completed and reviewed. Supplemented by collateral reading. Relief and memory maps.

HISTORY. — United States History by topics to 1789

WRITING. — Copy-book No. 6, and exercises.

DRAWING. — Object drawing. Light and shade. Historic ornamentation. Book No. 5. Geometric drawing No. 7. Design.

#### NINTH GRADE OR FIRST GRAMMAR.

READING. — American Authors. Tales from Shakespeare (Chas. Lamb).

SPELLING. — From all lessons.

LANGUAGE. — Pronouns. Verbs. Adjectives. Analysis. Letters. Compositions. Memory Exercises. Scott's "Lady of the Lake."

ARITHMETIC. — Ratio and Proportion. Involution and Evolution, including Square and Cube Root. Metric System. Book-keeping, single entry (three forms). Mental Arithmetic.

HISTORY. United States History since 1789. Declaration of Independence. The Constitution. Reviews.

WRITING. — Copy-books Nos. 7 and 8. Exercises.

DRAWING. — Object drawing. Shadows. Design. Drawing Books Nos. 6 and 8.

#### FOR ALL GRADES.

PHYSICAL EXERCISE. — Gymnastic exercises to be given at intervals each half-day.

MUSIC. — Scale practice. Reading at sight. Two-part singing in Intermediate, and three-part in Grammar grades.

PHYSIOLOGY. — Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene. Effect of Stimulants and Narcotics on the System.

OBJECT LESSONS. — Object Lessons (suited to the mental development of the class) on plants, animals, and common things, in each grade.

## HIGH SCHOOL COURSE.

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### FIRST YEAR.

**ENGLISH.** — English Grammar and Composition, three times a week, with two essays each term. History of England two times a week.

**MATHEMATICS.** — Arithmetic first two terms. Algebra the third term, five times a week.

**SCIENCE.** — Physical Geography, two terms, three times a week. Natural History, the third term, three times a week.

**DRAWING.** — Object Drawing two times a week.

**LATIN.** — Pupils preparing for college may take the Latin of the second year, four times a week.

### SECOND YEAR.

**ENGLISH.** — Composition, including Rhetoric. General History of Europe

**MATHEMATICS.** — Algebra first two terms, five times a week, third term, two times a week. Plane Geometry, third term, three times a week.

**FRENCH.** — Beginning second term.

**LATIN.** — Beginning.

**SCIENCES.** — Natural History, first term, three times a week. Physiology, two times a week. Second term, Physiology two times a week, and Physics three times a week. Third term, Physics three times a week, and Botany two times a week.

**DRAWING.** — Continued.

### THIRD YEAR.

**ENGLISH.** — English Literature with Study of American and English Authors, two times a week.

**MATHEMATICS.** — Geometry, plane and solid, first and second terms, three times a week. Trigonometry, third term, three times a week.

**BOOK-KEEPING.** — Book-keeping, first and second terms, two times a week.

**SCIENCE.** — Physics, three times a week, and Botany, two times a week, during the first term. Chemistry, beginning with second term, three times a week. Zoölogy, two times a week. Chemistry, third term, practical work and lectures.

**LATIN.** — Latin, four times a week.

**FRENCH.** — French, four times a week.

### FOURTH YEAR.

**ENGLISH.** — English Literature, Ancient and Mediæval History. Civil Government and History of the United States. The Constitution of Massachusetts, and the provisions of the Public Statutes regarding State, County, and Town affairs, public Officers and Institutions, etc., four times a week.

**MATHEMATICS.** — Trigonometry and Surveying, with reviews.

**SCIENCE.** — Principles of Geology and Astronomy, four times a week.

**LATIN.** — Latin.

**FRENCH.** — French.

**GREEK.** — Pupils fitting for college may omit the Sciences if they take Greek five times a week.

Readings in English and American Literature each year of the course. Music throughout the four years.

## APPENDIX.

Number of School.	Term.	Teachers.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Wages per Month.	Cost of Fuel.
2	1	Cora P. Lobdell.....	22	19.8	16.2	\$32.00	
	2	" .....	18	17.3	14.6		\$14.75
	3	Elizabeth Ahern.....	22	21.3	15.9		
	1	Mary E. Frink .....	24	23.5	22.1	34.00	
	2	" .....	26	21.8	20.6		20.50
	3	Lura H. Pickering.....	31	28	24.8	32.00	
	1	Lizzie M. Prescott.....	31	29.6	26.5	32.00	
	2	" .....	28	24	19.3		20.50
	3	" .....	34	29.3	24.6		
	1	Annie Parker .....	15	13.9	11.2	30.00	
6	2	Nannie M. Morse.....	18	17.7	15.2	32.00	16 12
	3	Mary A. G. Livingstone.....	17	13.7	11.9	28.00	
	1	Rose M. Eastman .....	17	14.2	16	28.00	
8	2	" .....	21	14.9	17.5	30.00	13.00
	3	" .....	20	18.1	19	30.00	
	1	Geo. C. Humphrey.....	27	25.9	20.7	32.00	
10	2	Carrie F. Sampson .....	28	25.5	22.7	32.00	13.00
		(5 2-5 wks.) }					
	3	Bertha I. Mason (9 3-5 wks.) }	23	22.5	20	32.00	
11	1						
	2	Julia Mansfield.....	12	11.7	10.6	30.00	
	3	Emma Wentworth.....	10	9.6	8.9	28.00	
12	1	Bertha I. Mason .....	25	23.3	19.6	32.00	
	2	" .....	31	29.8	27.4		15.50
	3	Florence A. Kendall.....	30	28	24.4		
13	1	Geo. H. Smith.....	33	32.5	30.2	32.00	
	2	Millie A. Rhodehouse .....	34	30	28		21.55
	3	Lucia F. Keith .....	34	32.5	30.1		
14	1	Julia Mansfield.....	24	23.4	21.5	30.00	
	2	Almeda B. Eldridge .....	26	26	25		17.00
	3	" .....	39	33.2	31.1		
16	1	Annie B. Covell.....	17	17	13.5	30.00	
	2	" .....	17	16.7	14.2		21.00
	3	" .....	19	17.2	15.7		
17	1	Carrie F. Sampson .....	15	13.8	12.1	30.00	
	2	Olive C. Wilbur .....	11	8	5.2	28.00	12.75
	3	Minnie Foster (5 wks.) }					
18	1	Madge E. Beirsto (10 wks.) }	14	12.9	10.3	30.00	
	2	Sarah L. Arnold .....	84	81.8	75.3	83.33	196.37
	3	" .....	76	74	67		
Union Street.	1	" .....	77	70.8	67		
	2	Lizzie J. Wilson .....				36.00	
	3	" .....				40.00	
	1	" .....				40.00	
	2	Annie A. Lovell.....	88	86	75.3	40.00	
	3	" .....	88	82	74.5		
	1	" .....	72	67.5	63.2		
	2	Abbie F. Brett .....				28.00	
	3	" .....					
	1	" .....				30.00	

	Number of School.	Term.	Teachers.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.	Wages per Month.	Cost of Fuel.
School Street.	1	1	B. F. Bartlett .....	32	31.5	29.5	\$40.00	
	2	2	Cora F. Ellis .....	30	29.1	27.6		
	3	1	" .....	76	71.5	67.8		
	1	1	.....	—	—	—		
	2	2	.....	—	—	—		
	3	3	Julia Mansfield .....				28.00	
	1	1	Fannie W. Richards .....	45	42.6	36.6	40.00	
	2	2	" .....	44	42.8	39.8		
	3	3	" .....	53	49.9	47		
	1	1	Annie C. Hart .....	56	53.9	44.4	40.00	
Academy.	2	2	Mary E. Mendall .....	58	56.2	49.6		
	3	3	Millie A. Rhodehouse .....	54	48.8	43.6		
	1	1	Abbie A. Gurney .....	81	72.8	58.2	40.00	
	2	2	" .....	103	97	79.8		
	3	3	" .....	36	33.3	31.1		
	1	1	Helen A. Nevers .....				30.00	
	2	2	" .....					
	3	3	(4 4-5 wks.) } Carrie F. Sampson (9 3-5 wks.) }	50	38.9	32.8	34.00	
	1	1	Lucia A. Drake .....	25	22.5	19	32.00	
	2	2	" .....	28	22.3	18		\$27.00
19	3	3	" .....	19	18.5	16.4		
	1	1	Lillian M. Alden .....	18	17.6	15.7	30.00	
	2	2	" .....	19	18.7	17.2		16.25
	3	3	May A. Allen .....	23	21.3	19.7		
	1	1	Mrs. Sarah E. Paine .....	11	9	7.5	30.00	
21	2	2	" .....	14	11	9.5		16.87
	3	3	" .....	18	14.8	13		
	1	1	.....					
22	2	2	.....					
	3	3	Nellie Thomas .....	11	10.4	9.1	30.00	
	1	1	James H. Willoughby .....	72	71	69.8	120.00	
	2	2	" .....	69	66.6	65.2		
	3	3	" .....	78	74.7	73.9		
	1	1	Philena N. Folger .....				45.00	
	2	2	" .....					
	3	3	" .....					
	1	1	.....					
	2	2	.....					
High School.	3	3	Dora Peirce .....				30.00	



TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF THE MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY.  
JANUARY, 1886.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

*To the Trustees of the Public Library:*

GENTLEMEN,—By vote of the town at the last annual meeting all reports are to close for the year, Jan. 1, 1886, thereby making our twelfth annual report one for eleven months only. In that time the Library has been open to the public 278 days, and 21,172 volumes have been delivered; the largest daily circulation being 204, occurring February 14th, and 201, March 14, 1885. The daily record book shows the smallest number given out in any one day to have been 24, on the second day of the County Fair at Bridgewater, September 22.

The annual examination of the books and library work was made by the Trustees, Dec. 28, 29, and 30, 1885. All books belonging to the Library were accounted for, none having been lost during the year. One hundred volumes are in the hands of the binder at present. Three volumes have been discarded as unfit for use. Ninety-one volumes have been added, the Library at this time numbering 3,955 volumes.

Covered, numbered, and labelled, 1,770 volumes. In the eleven months 174 cards have been issued, the last card out numbering 3,490.

To those who are at all acquainted with library work in any form, the need of a larger room will at once be apparent. There are many valuable books and documents which remain uncatalogued for want of sufficient room to shelve them. With ample accommodations, the work could be carried on more systematically, and with better satisfaction to the public.

A. K. THATCHER,  
*Librarian.*



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand at last report	. . . . .	\$70 97
Received from town Treasurer, "dog money"	. . . . .	552 96
" " " " "other licenses".	. . . . .	15 00
" fines during the eleven months	. . . . .	49 12
" for catalogues sold	. . . . .	2 00
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		\$690 05
Paid Librarian, eleven months	. . . . . \$183 33	
For assistance and substitutes	. . . . . 12 07	
Estes & Lauriat, for books	. . . . . 54 01	
John Shaw, for books	. . . . . 49 47	
W. H. Beehler, "	. . . . . 3 00	
William Allen, rebinding books	. . . . . 7 90	
For paper for covering books	. . . . . 1 00	
printing "call slips"	. . . . . 7 00	
cleaning windows, express, etc.,	. . . . . 2 00	
		<hr/>
		319 78
Balance on hand	. . . . .	<hr/> \$370 27

The number of books added to the Library during the time covered by this report has been somewhat smaller than usual, and the balance of cash left over is somewhat larger. This is partly owing to the fact that this report, as required by a town vote, covers only eleven months, and in former years some of our larger purchases were made in January. Another reason is that our shelves are so full in the classes that include many of the best and most desirable books, that it is almost impossible to find places to put any additional ones. On this point we commend to citizens of the town the report of our Librarian, and trust that, in view of what the Library has done and may do, the town will in the near future provide it with larger and better accommodations.

The Trustees have been notified that a sum of money left over from the funds collected to pay the expenses of a meeting of the County Teachers' Association, held here in October, has been appropriated by the teachers having it in charge to the purchase for the Library of books specially adapted to educational work.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

JOSEPH E. BEALS,

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1885-6.

Term expires 1886.

E. Robinson.

E. S. Hathaway.

J. H. Willoughby.

Term expires 1887.

William R. Peirce, *Pres.*

A. L. Westgate.

W. H. Southworth.

Term expires 1888.

George Brayton.

James M. Coombs.

Joseph E. Beals.

# REPORT

## OF THE

### SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

FOR ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING JAN. 1, 1886.

Voted by the town for the support of	
schools . . . . .	\$10,000 00
For incidental school expenses . . . . .	1,500 00
last year's deficiency . . . . .	570 00
support of poor . . . . .	4,750 00
"      insane . . . . .	1,000 00
repairs of highways . . . . .	5,000 00
new roads and special repairs . . . . .	2,000 00
town officers and incidental expen-	
ses . . . . .	2,500 00
sidewalks . . . . .	1,000 00
clearing highway of snow . . . . .	300 00
lighting street lamps . . . . .	100 00
sprinkling streets . . . . .	300 00
night watch . . . . .	700 00
balance due watchman on last year's	
account . . . . .	56 00
repairing almshouse . . . . .	425 00
Grand Army, for Decoration Day, . . . . .	150 00
payment of debt . . . . .	2,000 00
interest on debt . . . . .	200 00
military aid . . . . .	600 00
new schoolhouse at Wappanuckett, . . . . .	1,000 00
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Total . . . . .	\$34,151 00
Less corporation and bank tax . . . . .	4,800 00
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Voted to be assessed by town . . . . .	\$29,300 00
State tax . . . . .	\$2,610 00
County tax . . . . .	3,237 21
Overlying . . . . .	1,024 61
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	\$36,171 82

Appropriations made after the tax was voted:—

For Centre Street sewer . . .	\$2,500 00	
painting Town House . . .	500 00	
repairing Town House and new fence . . . . .	250 00	
Town House Committee . . .	500 00	
Superintendent of Schools . .	1,000 00	
Board of Health . . . . .	300 00	
rebuilding Woodard Bridge . .	1,400 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,450 00

## HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

### NORTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Worked before June 15th.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	Wm. B. Wood,	\$490 20	\$343 63	\$833 83
" 2,	L. E. Thomas,	381 86	118 00	499 86
" 3,	John G. Vaughan,	266 03	91 63	357 66
" 4,	Edwin Holmes,			
" 5,	August Pratt,	46 81	62 52	109 33
" 6,	G. E. Macomber,	12 70	52 55	65 25
" 7,	J. A. Shaw,	62 95	33 17	96 12
" 8,	Albert F. Reed,	128 20	21 80	150 00
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		\$1,388 75	\$723 30	\$2,112 05

### EAST SECTION.

No. 1,	E. A. Shaw,	\$50 00	\$22 32	\$72 32
" 2,	J. W. Briggs,	17 00	66 23	83 23
" 3,	A. H. Soule,	103 12	42 52	145 64
" 4,	H. E. Bryant,	62 74	36 14	98 88
" 5,	A. W. Smith,	43 25	25 20	68 45
" 6,	R. F. Thompson,	55 20	44 80	100 00
" 7,	H. A. Thompson,	34 64	94 20	128 84
" 8,	D. N. Wetherby,	57 12	5 25	62 37
" 9,	Z. Sturtevant,	51 50	36 70	88 20
" 10,	Richard Carter,	91 50	43 65	135 15
" 11,	Aaron Berry,	49 60	58 65	108 25
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		\$615 67	\$475 66	\$1,091 33

## SOUTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Worked before June 15th.	After.	Total.
No. 1,	N. S. Cushing,	\$73 80	\$76 20	\$150 00
" 2,	Seneca T. Weston,	73 50	29 30	102 80
" 3,	John S. Benson,	183 00		183 00
" 4,	John H. Ryder,	133 79	31 31	165 10
" 5,	A. T. Clark, Jr.,	115 86	24 14	140 00
" 6,	Elnathan Sherman,	108 46	53 87	162 33
" 7,	Abner Wood,	88 50	79 45	167 95
" 8,	Lorenzo T. Miller,	115 00	32 12	147 12
" 9,	George S. Clark,	90 87	30 75	121 62
" 10,	C. C. Tinkham,	76 95	16 50	93 45
" 11,	Josiah H. Thomas,	54 50	41 57	96 07
" 12,	Arad Thomas,	76 07	73 91	149 98
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		\$1,190 30	\$489 12	\$1,679 42
Total,		\$3,194 72	\$1,688 08	\$4,882 80

## NEW ROADS AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

William B. Wood, on Grove and Main Streets . . . . .	\$635 88
L. E. Thomas . . . . .	58 50
John G. Vanghan, on Murdock Street,	72 12
John G. Vaughan, on Warren's Bridge,	61 75
John G. Vaughan, on Vaughan Bridge,	27 73
Albert F. Reed . . . . .	25 78
N. B. Wood, for lumber for Warren's Bridge . . . . .	54 47
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber for Vaughan Bridge . . . . .	11 56
Z. Leonard, on Centre Street . . . .	4 00
N. S. Cushing, for bridge . . . . .	22 20
Pratt & Co., for lumber . . . . .	29 53
James Webb, for Rocky Meadow Bridge,	50 00
L. T. Miller, on Grove Street . . . .	99 00
John H. Ryder, on Highland Street . .	285 59
E. Shermam, on Smith and Rocky Gutter Street . . . . .	15 87
N. Shurtliff, at Double Brook Mills Bridge . . . . .	6 12

George S. Clark, on Wareham Street .	\$50 60	
Tyler Peirce, on Wood Street . . .	26 05	
J. H. Vaughan . . . . .	2 00	
N. B. Maxim, on Wall Street . . .	94 37	
A. W. Smith . . . . .	27 15	
J. W. Briggs, bridge on Tispaquin Street,	21 64	
Z. E. Phinney, on Fuller Street . .	3 53	
Z. Sturtevant, on Summer Street .	66 48	
	<hr/>	\$1,751 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>10</sub> 92

## WOODARD BRIDGE.

Paid C. V. Pendleton for rebuilding Woodard Bridge with iron, one half of contract . . . . .	\$1,400 00	
For rebuilding wing walls . . . .	100 00	
	<hr/>	1,500 00
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		\$3,251 92

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid Wm. B. Wood . . . . .	\$82 53	
L. E. Thomas . . . . .	28 20	
S. W. Bump . . . . .	5 00	
Ezra Morse . . . . .	2 80	
Augustus Pratt . . . . .	5 00	
A. Thomas . . . . .	2 40	
J. H. Vaughan . . . . .	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$127 13

## SIDEWALKS.

Paid Wm. B. Wood . . . . .	\$299 27	
L. E. Thomas . . . . .	182 45	
Augustus Pratt . . . . .	40 60	
T. Jefferson Pratt, one half cost of sidewalk on Plymouth Street . .	19 00	
	<hr/>	\$541 31

## CONCRETING.

Paid Shiverick & Thomas, concreting walk and crossing in front of Town House lot . . . . .	\$94 70	
Concreting around pump, etc. . .	6 00	
Repairing gutters, etc. . . . .	22 00	
	<hr/>	\$122 70



## GRAVEL ACCOUNT.

Paid Joseph M. Leonard . . . .	\$16 00	
Mrs. Adnah Jackson . . . .	16 00	
Lewis Eaton . . . .	12 00	
Savery Brothers . . . .	10 00	
John G. Vaughan . . . .	7 36	
Augustus Pratt . . . .	6 30	
	<hr/>	\$67 66

## SPRINKLING STREETS.

Paid L. E. Thomas, for sprinkling streets . . .	\$300 00
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## LIGHTING STREET LAMPS.

Paid A. Baker . . . . .	\$80 00
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## NIGHT WATCH.

Paid A. Baker . . . . .	\$668 00
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## CENTER STREET SEWER.

Paid M. O. Rounseville, for digging, furnishing, and laying pipe, etc.,	\$1,954 39	
J. J. Cuddihy, for stone covers for catch-basins, etc. . . . .	70 00	
Fuller Iron Works, for traps, rings, covers, etc. . . . .	44 65	
P. M. Blake, Engineer's services .	182 80	
P. M. Blake, for cash paid freight bill . . . . .	5 11	
E. T. Jenks, for drilling covers .	1 40	
	<hr/>	\$2,258 35

The estimated cost of the sewer (\$2,500) was from the head of the Water Street sewer to Pearl Street, about one thousand feet. It was extended about two hundred feet more. After giving notice of a hearing on the question of charging a part of the cost of construction to the abutting owners, it

was decided to require the abutting owners to pay about twenty-five per cent of the cost, averaging it in proportion to the frontage, valuation of the property, and the amount and nature of sewage to be provided for, to be paid when entrance is made. No entrance to be made for less than \$15.

The full report of the engineer will be found on page 49.

### TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. T. Thatcher, treasurer and collector . . . . .		\$458 33
Joseph T. Wood, selectman and assessor . . . . .	\$201 75	
Albert T. Savery, selectman and assessor for fifteen months . . . . .	227 50	
Sylvanus Mendall, selectman and assessor . . . . .	90 00	
N. S. Cushing, selectman and assessor . . . . .	60 00	
	<hr/>	579 25
A. C. Wood, overseer of poor . . . . .	\$117 70	
S. Mendall, " " . . . . .	38 75	
	<hr/>	156 45
Mrs. A. V. Wood, school committee, . . . . .	136 00	
Rev. N. T. Dyer, " " . . . . .	98 15	
Geo. L. Ellis, " " . . . . .	42 50	
J. F. Shurtliff, " " . . . . .	39 50	
	<hr/>	316 15
N. King, registrar of voters . . . . .	21 75	
C. H. Turner, " " . . . . .	24 00	
C. T. Thatcher, " " . . . . .	24 00	
E. Ward, " " . . . . .	11 00	
T. C. Collins, " " . . . . .	7 50	
	<hr/>	88 25
Milton Alden, constable . . . . .	\$7 00	
L. M. Alden, " " . . . . .	11 40	
James Cole . . . . .	50 10	
L. M. Alden, special police . . . . .	30 00	
S. S. Lovell . . . . .	6 00	
S. Mendall . . . . .	29 50	
J. A. Burgess . . . . .	5 70	
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Paid J. A. Burgess, truant officer .	\$9 00	
W. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up .	10 00	
S. Mendall, auditor, 1884 .	5 00	
I. F. Atwood, committee to settle with Treasurer, and committee on Town House lot .	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$32 50
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		\$1,770 63

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid James M. Coombs, for printing .	\$121 00	
H. H. Sylvester, " .	103 00	
H. L. Thatcher & Co. " .	6 85	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., printing town report .	105 10	
Augustus Pratt, one half of the cost of repairing Titicut well .	18 66	
John Shaw, for books and sta- tionery .	10 08	
J. M. Pickens, repairing street board,	4 35	
T. W. Peirce, for drain pipe, etc. .	11 88	
J. T. Wood, for road monuments,	5 20	
Town of Bridgewater, for use of road scraper .	15 00	
French & Co., road machine irons,	10 00	
J. R. Aldrich, for damage from de- fect on Clay Street .	10 00	
H. W. Braley, for damage from defect on Highland Street .	9 75	
Thomas Smith, for injury from defect on Barrows Street .	25 00	
G. E. H. Lovell, for land for a deposit of stones .	10 00	
P. M. Blake, for examination and estimating cost, etc., of Wood- ard's Bridge .	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$475 87

# REPORT OF THE TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE,

FROM FEB. 1, 1885, TO JAN. 1, 1886.

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Expense N. D. Wilbur, for gas . . .	\$139 19	
J. L. Jenney, for coal . . .	141 64	
G. T. Ryder & Co., for curtains . . . . .	3 54	
G. T. Ryder & Co., for draping hall at the Grant obsequies . . . . .	9 33	
Radiators, and for repairs of steam pipe and boiler . . .	73 41	
Wm. B. Wood, janitor, services	432 00	
Wm. B. Wood, cash for sundry bills . . . . .	43 82	
	<hr/>	\$842 93

## RECEIPTS.

From rent of hall and rooms . . .	\$397 00	
Appropriated by the town . . . .	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$897 00

## PAINTING TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Geo. H. Shaw, for lead and oil . . .	\$127 91	
H. A. Sparrow, for labor, painting hall and fence . . . . .	370 00	
	<hr/>	\$497 91

## REPAIRS ON TOWN HOUSE AND NEW FENCE.

S. Mendall, for building fence . . .	\$139 38	
J. Sherman, for repairs on tower . . .	94 75	
L. S. Bailey, for repairs on tower, . . .	46 95	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber, . . .	6 27	
J. & G. E. Doane, bill for repairing conductors, pipes, etc. . .	41 56	
Wm. B. Wood, cash for repairing slating . . . . .	50 11	
	<hr/>	\$379 02

More than one half of the first floor of the Town House is used for school purposes, only two rooms paying any rent (the county for court room, \$150; and bank, \$50). The Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen and Assessors, Overseers of the Poor and Town Library using rooms; and the hall is used for town and fire district meetings, high-school exhibitions, caucuses, etc., and the basement for lock-up, etc., all heated, warmed, and taken care of, which, at a fair rent would amount to more than \$1,000, leaving a balance of more than \$500 in favor, instead of a balance of nearly \$500 against, the Town Hall.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,  
ALBERT T. SEAVERY,  
SYLVANUS MENDALL,

*Town House Committee.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 10, 1886.

### FISH ACCOUNT.

Paid J. A. Burgess, for inspection at East Taunton . . . . .	\$130 00	
Wm. H. Vaughan & Son, for nets in 1884 . . . . .	2 55	
J. H. Waterman, fish warden . . . . .	2 00	
Sylvanus Mendall, " " . . . . .	5 75	
L. M. Alden, " " . . . . .	27 55	
G. E. H. Lovell, " " . . . . .	13 00	
J. T. Wood, " " . . . . .	4 30	
	<hr/>	\$185 15
Cash received from towns on Taunton River, for inspection at East Taunton . . . . .	\$130 00	
Received for sale of fish, \$100; due on note \$99 and interest . . . . .	199 00	
	<hr/>	\$329 00
Balance of receipts and due . . . . .	\$143 85	
Middleborough proportion . . . . .	122 36	
Lakeville proportion . . . . .	21 49	
Number of fish caught, 35,650.		

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid J. A. Burgess, for time and cash paid on account of looking after and burying a glandered horse . . . . .	\$7 00	
J. A. Burgess, for time and expense in a diphtheria case in North Middleborough . . . . .	10 85	
J. A. Burgess, for looking after the sanitary condition of the village . . . . .	58 35	
L. M. Alden, on Muttock dam . . . . .	2 50	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber for Muttock dam . . . . .	3 29	
Dr. Geo. L. Ellis, for 13 vaccinations . . . . .	6 50	
Wm. B. Wood, cleaning sewer, wells, etc. . . . .	72 88	
	<hr/>	\$161 37

## RECAPITULATION.

APPROPRIATED FOR		Expended.	Unexpended.	Over- drawn.
Highway repairs.....	\$5,000 00	\$4,950 46	\$49 54	
New roads and special repairs, including Woodard's Bridge	3,400 00	3,251 92	148 08	
Clearing highway of snow....	300 00	127 13	172 87	
Concrete and sidewalks.....	1,000 00	664 01	335 99	
Sprinkling streets.....	300 00	300 00		
Night watch.....	756 00	668 00	88 00	
Lighting street lamps.....	100 00	80 00	20 00	
Center Street sewer.....	2,500 00	2,218 35	241 65	
Town officers and incidental expenses.....	2,500 00	2,246 50	253 50	
G. A. R. for Memorial Day...	150 00	150 00		
Military aid.....	600 00	634 50		\$34 50
Board of Health.....	300 00	161 37	138 63	
Town House Committee.....	1,647 00	1,719 86		72 86
Painting Town House, repairing Town House and new fence.....\$1,250 00				
Received from rents.. 397 00				
Total .....	\$18,553 00	\$17,212 10	\$1,448 26	\$107 36



## ESTIMATE FOR A TAX.

For support of schools . . . . .	\$10,000 00
Repairs and incidental school expenses . . . . .	1,500 00
School books . . . . .	1,000 00
Support of poor . . . . .	4,750 00
Support of insane . . . . .	1,300 00
Repairs of roads and bridges . . . . .	5,000 00
New roads and special repairs . . . . .	2,000 00
Town officers . . . . .	2,500 00
Incidental expenses . . . . .	500 00
Sidewalks and concrete walks . . . . .	1,000 00
Clearing highway of snow . . . . .	200 00
Sprinkling steets . . . . .	300 00
Lighting street lamps . . . . .	80 00
Night watch . . . . .	700 00
Military aid . . . . .	600 00
G. A. R. for Memorial Day . . . . .	150 00
Board of Health . . . . .	200 00
Town House Committee . . . . .	500 00
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	\$32,280 00
Payment on town debt . . . . .	4,000 00
Interest . . . . .	300 00
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	\$36,580 00
Less bank and corporation tax, estimated . . . . .	4,800 00
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	31,780 00

## ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Polls . . . . .	\$1,527 00
Personal valuation . . . . .	464,260 00
Real . . . . .	2,250,317 00
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Total . . . . .	\$2,714,577 00
Number of horses . . . . .	717
" cows . . . . .	779
" sheep . . . . .	83
" houses . . . . .	1,125
" acres taxed . . . . .	38,657

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Cash on hand . . . . .	\$6,204 84
Due on tax e now in the Collector's hands . . . . .	7,361 31
From State for State aid . . . . .	1,696 25
" " military aid . . . . .	634 50
	<hr/> \$15,896 90

## LIABILITIES.

Due on notes in Middleborough Sav- ings Bank . . . . .	\$9,600 00
Interest, about . . . . .	140 00
Due town officers and other demands, estimated . . . . .	600 00
Probable loss on taxes . . . . .	500 00
	<hr/> 10,840 00
Balance of assets . . . . .	<hr/> \$5,056 90

## LIST OF JURORS.

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The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year : —

William F. Atwood.  
Harrison W. Atwood.  
F. Austin G. Atwood.  
Jared F. Alden.  
John S. Benson.  
Elisha T. Benson.  
Howard M. Bishop.  
Bradford D. W. Bartlett.  
Nathaniel S. Cushing.  
Thomas C. Collins.  
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.  
Amos D. Clark.  
Charles F. Cornish.  
Orrin E. Deane.  
Jeremiah Doane.  
Joshua M. Eddy.  
Ezra C. Earle.  
George T. M. Gammons.  
Francis B. Gibbs.  
Foster A. Harlow.  
Eugene P. LeBaron.,  
Thomas J. LeBaron.  
Joseph M. Leonard.  
Everett T. Lincoln.  
James L. Jenney.  
William O. LeBaron.  
Nathan B. Maxim.  
Isaac E. Macomber.  
Lorenzo T. Miller.  
Ebenezer Pickens.  
Jeremiah K. Pratt.  
Augustus Pratt.  
Herbert A. Pratt.  
Isaac E. Perkins.

Horace N. Ryder.  
Albert T. Savery.  
Josiah C. Shaw.  
Ebenezer A. Shaw.  
Elbridge G. Shaw.  
George L. Soule.  
Augustus H. Soule.  
Warren H. Southworth.  
Josiah H. Vaughan.  
Elnathan Sherman.  
Leander A. Tinkham.  
Charles W. Turner.  
Philander W. Thompson.  
Albert J. Wood.  
Warren Wood.  
William B. Wood.  
George E. Wood.  
Ellis Weston.  
Kenelmn Winslow.  
Henry A. Thompson.  
Homer R. Caswell.  
Benjamin C. Baker.  
Thomas S. Phinney.  
J. Augustine Sparrow.  
Charles W. Kingman.  
Charles M. Leonard.  
Matthew H. Cushing.  
David S. Surrey.  
William H. Schlueter.  
Israel H. Denham.  
Clarence L. Hathaway.  
George A. Cox.  
Albert W. Smith.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,  
ALBERT T. SAVERY,  
SYLVANUS MENDALL,

*Selectmen of Middleborough.*

## REPORT OF ENGINEER.

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JOSEPH T. WOOD, A. T. SAVARY, SYLVANUS MENDALL,  
*Board of Selectmen, Middleborough, Mass. :*

GENTLEMEN, — I present herein a brief description of the sewer constructed by the town in and for Center Street the past season. This sewer is a part of the system described in my report of Feb. 18, 1885, and has been constructed in accordance with the general plan prepared from surveys made for the purpose for the Committee on Drainage appointed by the town in 1883. The sewer, when completed, is designed to drain Center Street, from the summit near Forest Street, to the head of Water Street.

The portion constructed last year extends from a point opposite Kingman's shoe factory to the upper end of the Water Street drain, which it enters through the old catch-basin. A description in detail is as follows : —

Beginning at the old catch-basin referred to, the Center Street sewer consists of fifteen-inch vitrified Akron pipe, laid on a grade of two and five tenths feet per hundred, and in a straight line, to a point opposite Thatcher's Alley, where a lamp shaft is carried up to a point just below the surface of the street, and covered with a heavy flag-stone. The sewer then continues on the same grade and of the same size, but with a slight deflection to the south or left of its first course, in a straight line to a man-hole just above School Street. At this point a catch-basin, with flag-stone cover, is located on each side of Center Street, and connected with the man-hole.

From this point the sewer makes a further deflection to the left, and continues of the same size, but with a change of grade to  $1\frac{2\frac{2}{3}}{100}$  in one hundred, to a lamp shaft nearly opposite Briggs's stable, constructed as before described. At this point the line of the sewer deflects to the right, and the size and grade of the last section continue to the man-hole at the junction of Pearl Street. A catch-basin is located on each side of Center Street, and on the upper corners of Pearl Street, and connected with this man-hole.

From this point the size of the sewer is reduced to ten inches in diameter, and the line continues up the hill on a

grade of two and five tenths in one hundred to a point opposite Kingman's shoe factory, where it terminates in a lamp shaft. Whenever the sewer is extended to the summit at Forest Street, the grade and size specified on the detailed plan given for the work should be followed out.

The deepest cut required on the line was twelve feet, one hundred feet west of Union Street. The least cut was eight and two tenths feet, in front of Shaw & Child's drug store. Three oval brick man-holes thirty-six inches by forty-eight inches at the bottom were constructed on the line of the sewer, one at the head of Water Street and near the old catch-basin, one near School Street, and one at Pearl Street. A heavy cast-iron ring and perforated cover protect the top of each man-hole, and the grade of the invert of the sewer is carried through the floor in a semicylindrical channel formed in concrete.

The inlet or overflow pipes from the catch-basin enter the man-hole obliquely at a level a little above the invert of the sewer.

The connection with the old Water Street drain consists of fifteen-inch sewer pipe, laid on a grade from the new man-hole. As a partial remedy for the foul odors which at times arose from the old catch-basins and found vent through the gratings in the gutters, the bottom of this basin was filled with concrete to the level of the outlet through the Water Street drain, and left in such a shape that little or no sediment can now remain there.

When I last examined this catch-basin, it was entirely free from deposit, but the removal of the cover caused an upward draught of air from the old drain which was noxious in the extreme. If sewers are made self-cleansing, such gases and smells are seldom possible, and the further provision for the drainage of the village should include the construction of a proper sewer in Water Street, leaving the present drain to carry off the surplus surface water collected at the Four Corners and which is not provided for by the general plan proposed, as explained in the report of last year.

The new man-hole at Water Street is provided with openings, temporarily stopped up, for the sewers proposed for Main Street. The one entering from the south will drain Main Street from the summit near the Town Hall to Water Street; that entering from the north will drain the following streets and the territory adjoining: Peirce Street, Oak Street, from Center to Peirce, Pearl and School Streets from Center to Peirce, and Main Street from Water to the summit near Peirce's store.



To provide for private connections with the Center Street sewer from abutting estates, fifty-one six-inch inlet branches temporarily stopped with earthenware plugs set in cement were built into sewer as work progressed. Forty-two of these inlet branches are on the fifteen-inch sections between Water and Pearl Streets, and nine are on the ten-inch section above Pearl Street. The sidewalk catch-basins are provided with cast-iron hinged traps, and the entire work has been constructed on careful lines and grades, with the object of preventing accumulations of filth and consequent generation of foul gases. Until the old Water Street drain is disconnected and a new self-cleaning sewer is constructed to a final outlet near the river, bad smells are liable to force their way through any or all outlets on the new sewer. The work of construction was carefully and faithfully superintended by my assistant, Mr. James W. Johnson. For the cost of the work I must refer you to the bills paid, which are not at this time accessible to me.

The contract for constructing this sewer was awarded to Mr. Martin O. Rounseville, who did the work to the best of his ability.

The question of the disposal of the drainage of the village has naturally arisen during the progress of the Center Street work, and several interviews have been had with the Taunton authorities in regard to the prospective effect of discharging the sewage of the village into the Nemasket River on the purity of the public water supply of that city. Under the statute law, crude or imperfectly purified sewage cannot be discharged into a running stream at a point above and nearer than twenty miles from the taking of water for public consumption. The Water Street bridge is about seventeen miles above the pumping station of the Taunton water works, so that the direct discharge of sewage at that bridge is legally prohibited. Without discussing the measure of pollution which might be added to the water of the Taunton River by the direct discharge of the sewage of the village at Water Street, it will be of interest to note the remarks and conclusions of the State Commission appointed to consider general systems of drainage, etc., regarding the disposal of sewage which cannot be freely discharged in a crude state into the nearest body of water. Without further explanation, the following extracts from the valuable report from the Commission, just published, are quoted :—

“From the final report of the Royal Commission on Metro-



politan Sewage Discharge of England : 'With regard to filtration through land, we are of opinion that the process has great scientific merit, and offers great practical advantages for the disposal of sewage in situations where broad irrigation is impracticable, and where land suitable for filtration can be obtained.' Engineer's Report, page 115.

" 'It is always possible to purify sewage by means of land filtration.' Same report, page 117.

" 'Land on which sewage is purified need not cause any nuisance. Earth is a good deodorizer, and prevents the particles which lodge upon its surface from becoming offensive.' Same report, page 128.

" 'The only practicable method yet discovered of purifying sewage is by its intermittent application to large areas of land. The purification will be more effectually and more easily accomplished when the land is devoted solely to this purpose.' Same report, page 135.

" 'The best way to accomplish purification, therefore, is to collect the foul matters by means of sewers, and to apply them systematically over the surface of large areas of land through which they may filter, and thus come in contact with the air contained in the interstices of the soil.' Same report, page 222.

" 'The purification of foul drainage on such water-sheds should be limited to filtration through aerated earth, because that is the only process at present known by which real purification can be accomplished.' Same report, page 223.

" 'A gravel bed an acre in extent and six feet deep might filter sufficiently one hundred thousand gallons per day of some kinds of manufacturing waste.' Same report, page 224.

" 'Our experience with water supplies proves that sewage, which has been made clear by a thorough land filtration before it is discharged into a relatively large body of water, is rendered comparatively harmless, particularly after a subsequent flow of several miles.' Report of Consulting Engineers, page 77.

" To sum up, we are of opinion upon the whole :—

" *First.* That when it can be done unobjectionably, it is best to throw sewage into great quantities of free water.

" *Second.* That filtration on land, either alone or in combination with one or more of the other processes, ranks next.

" *Third.* That when irrigation is especially favored by circumstances, it is better than either of the preceding ; but that it is so seldom that these circumstances can be controlled

to advantage that we assign to it a third place only in practical usefulness.

"*Fourth.* That precipitation and chemical treatment may be advisable in connection with either of the first, second, or third of these devices, but in our present state of knowledge ought not to be preferred to either of them. Commissioners' Report, page 19."

The result of the study of the subject is concisely given in the conclusions last quoted. To apply the method recommended by the Commission in your case will be a simple and not unduly expensive thing. It will be necessary to secure a suitable area of land on which the final discharge of sewage can be made. For some time to come the lot on the northerly side of Water Street, belonging to Mr. Jenney, and adjoining the river, can be made to answer the purpose if it be graded slightly in some places and under-drained in others. Its general slope toward the river is favorable to an easy distribution of the sewage. A new and self-cleansing sewer should be extended through Water Street, and made to discharge into a settling tank provided with coarse screens and direct overflow to the river. By a simple siphon arrangement this tank would be made to discharge periodically into shallow trenches covering the prepared area. Occasional attention would be required to insure the uniform distribution of the discharge over the surface. No offence would be created in warm weather were such attention given, and the absorption by the soil would take place with little interruption in cold weather, owing to the high temperature caused by the fermentative processes going on in the sewage. I have examined the Jenney land with reference to its utilization for the purpose, and estimate the cost of preparing it to receive a daily discharge of sewage not greater than forty thousand gallons to be as follows:—

Settling tank with screens and gates,	\$900 00
Under-draining and grading the land,	1,400 00
Overflow and channel,	150 00
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	\$2,450 00

These figures do not include cost or rent of the land. The settling tank would be a permanent brick structure, and would receive the sewage from a new sewer, should one be constructed in Water Street, without alteration. In event of the village outgrowing this arrangement, a larger tract of land could be purchased farther down the river, and the process be

used on a more extensive scale. Probably a small return would be derived from the sale of the contents of the settling basin, which would have considerable value as a concentrated fertilizer.

Much more might be said on the subject, but the principal facts in the case have been emphasized in the reference to the complaint from the city of Taunton, and the description of the manner in which the grounds for these complaints may be wholly removed.

I am free to say, however, that with the present few connections with the Center Street sewer and the trivial discharge therefrom, a simple distribution of this discharge over the present surface of the Jenney lot is sufficient to prevent any measurable pollution of Taunton River.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY M. BLAKE,  
*Civil Engineer.*

HYDE PARK, MASS., Feb. 6, 1886.

# REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1886 (11 MONTHS).

Net amount of money drawn from the town treasury . . . . .	\$4,517 79
Received as follows, viz., from	
City of Fall River . . . . .	\$105 50
“ Lynn . . . . .	70 00
“ New Bedford . . . . .	5 00
“ Taunton . . . . .	99 87
Town of Wareham . . . . .	190 85
“ Plymouth . . . . .	118 75
“ Falmouth . . . . .	9 00
“ Plympton . . . . .	13 98
“ Easton . . . . .	8 50
M. P. Standish, on account of M. F. Standish . . . . .	25 00
U. S. Treasury, on account of Mary Dunham . . . . .	11 47
George L. Soule, error in bill . . . . .	23 00
Bernard Glancy . . . . .	84 52
William L. White . . . . .	15 00
On account of State aid . . . . .	72 00
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	852 44
Products from the farm sold . . . . .	322 78
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	\$5,693 01

Paid out as follows, viz. :—

For support of paupers in the almshouse,	\$1,268 88
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## OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Allen Pratt . . . . .	\$124 00
John H. Pratt . . . . .	11 97
Isaac R. Simmons . . . . .	79 03
David Shurtleff . . . . .	10 25
Cornelius Cronan . . . . .	1 55
Alphonzo Millard . . . . .	1 80
Minor W. Thompson . . . . .	8 50

Paid Nathaniel Shurtleff . . . .	\$15 00
Andrew W. Leonard . . . .	39 24
Elijah Baxter . . . .	27 00
Henry Chace . . . .	87 50
Sylvanus Tinkham . . . .	9 50
Samuel B. Maxim . . . .	427 70
Benjamin Haskins . . . .	11 35
Pelham E. Gibbs . . . .	16 45
Ephraim Bell . . . .	12 50
Abishai Pittsley . . . .	3 00
Israel Woods . . . .	13 45
E. E. Wilbur . . . .	10 00
Emerson P. Morse . . . .	24 00
Alfred O. Standish . . . .	3 00
Lorenzo Smith . . . .	1 25
Mrs Ephraim D. Butler . . . .	32 85
Adam Laspe . . . .	106 43
Phineas Haskins . . . .	60 00
Henry H. P. Lovell . . . .	80 00
Gilbert Lyon . . . .	34 78
William L. White . . . .	40 00
John F. Goldsboro . . . .	11 62
Winfield S. Wright . . . .	8 28
Mrs. Caroline M. Packard . . . .	72 00
Mrs. Sarah A. Negus . . . .	6 00
Mrs. Andrew B. Perry . . . .	125 00
Mrs. James E. Richmond . . . .	75 50
Mrs. Lydia Loomis . . . .	42 90
Mrs. Charles Murray . . . .	125 00
Mrs. Stillman B. Morse . . . .	24 00
Mrs. Ellen Weeks . . . .	49 00
Mrs. Hiram Hatch . . . .	62 67
Mrs. Hiram Bryant . . . .	3 75
Mrs. Nancy Standish . . . .	56 00
Mrs. Henry Johnson . . . .	35 00
Mrs. Mary Lawrence . . . .	72 15
Mrs. Lucy Young . . . .	46 50
Mrs. Clara S. Carr . . . .	112 00
Sally C. Benson . . . .	47 00
Rachel W. Thomas . . . .	46 00
Ellen Cole . . . .	36 00
Betsey C. Cobb . . . .	49 00
Rosalie A. Thyng . . . .	52 00
Sarah A. Reed . . . .	9 75

Paid Lydia Jones . . . .	\$76 00	
Hannah Madden . . . .	7 00	
Sarah Phelan . . . .	2 00	
Phoebe Wood . . . .	196 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,740 22

## In Taunton Lunatic Hospital:—

Thomas J. Shaw . . . .	\$177 51
Henry C. Keith . . . .	141 91
Patrick Murphy . . . .	177 70
Wm. H. Cushman . . . .	106 00
Mrs. Emma K. Glancy . . . .	98 90

## In Northampton Lunatic Hospital:—

Joanna O'Keefe . . . .	184 38
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## In Worcester Lunatic Hospital:—

Mrs. Lucy A. King . . . .	176 49
Mrs. Emma K. Glancy . . . .	52 49

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Paid John Shaw, for stationery . . . .	\$2 50
Andrew C. Wood, for expenses out of town on account of paupers,	17 90
Sylvanus Mendall, expenses out of town on account of paupers . . . .	4 50
Sidney Tucker, for services on account of Mary Dunham's pen- sion . . . . .	11 47
Dr. Smith, for attendance on E. D. Butler, who belongs in Ware- ham . . . . .	28 00
Dr. Hodgson, for professional ser- vices for eleven months ending Jan. 1, 1886 . . . . .	45 83
E.S. Lovell and wife, eleven months' services, ending Jan. 1, 1886 . . . .	458 33

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568 53

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\$5,693 01

Whole number in the almshouse dur- ing the year . . . . .	326
Transient . . . . .	305
Remaining the whole time . . . .	14
Present number . . . . .	17
Number of weeks for one person . .	798
Transient . . . . .	44
Average number, about . . . . .	18



Average expense per week excluding salaries and interest on farm . . . . .	\$1 58	
Average expense per week including salaries and interest on farm . . . . .	\$2 43	
Amount of real estate Jan. 1, 1886 . . . . .	\$4,090 00	
Amount of personal estate Jan. 1, 1886 . . . . .	2,212 08	
	<hr/>	\$6,302 08
Amount of real estate Feb. 1, 1885 . . . . .	\$4,090 00	
Amount of personal estate Feb. 1, 1885 . . . . .	2,082 65	
	<hr/>	6,172 65
Increase over last year . . . . .		\$129 43

There have been two deaths in the almshouse during the year, Mrs. Mary Chamberlain, who died Feb. 17, 1885, age 88; Mrs. Amanda M. Thompson, who died March 15, 1885, age 76.

#### AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

Hay . . . . .	10	tons.
Mowed oats . . . . .	6	"
Corn fodder . . . . .	5	"
Rye straw . . . . .	2	"
Rye . . . . .	30 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	bushels.
Corn . . . . .	68	"
Potatoes . . . . .	127	"
Turnips . . . . .	21	"
Beets . . . . .	6	"
Onions . . . . .	2	"
Green beans . . . . .	8	"
Dry " . . . . .	4	"
Peas . . . . .	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	"
Pop corn . . . . .	3	"
Squashes . . . . .	200	lbs.
Pumpkins . . . . .	300	"
Melons . . . . .	100	"
Pigs . . . . .	23	"
Apples . . . . .	150	bbls.
Pork . . . . .	1,200	lbs.
Veal . . . . .	284	"
22 chickens . . . . .	93	"

Butter . . . . .	277	lbs.
Eggs . . . . .	225	doz.
Milk . . . . .	1,500	galls.
Cabbage . . . . .	100	heads.
Sweet corn . . . . .	10	bushels.
Cranberries . . . . .	1	"
Whortleberries . . . . .	3	"
Lard . . . . .	90	lbs.
Dried apples . . . . .	75	"

## INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE, JAN. 1, 1886.

Farm, 90 acres, with buildings . . .	\$3,000	00
Thompson wood lot, 9 acres . . .	240	00
Macomber " " 22 " . . .	400	00
Haskins " " 10 " . . .	75	00
Thomas " " 4 " . . .	375	00
	<hr/>	\$4,090 00

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

10 tons English hay, at \$20 per ton . .	\$200	00
1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " rye straw, 10 " . . .	17	50
4 " mowed oats, 15 " . . .	60	00
2 " corn fodder, 10 " . . .	20	00
7 hogs, \$110; 2 pigs, \$8 . . .	118	00
5 cows, \$200; 2 yearlings, \$30 . . .	230	00
40 hens, \$30; horse, \$85 . . .	115	00
60 bushels corn, \$45; 41 bushels rye, \$32 80. . . . .	77	80
4 bush. beans, \$10; 4 bush. meal, \$2.40 . . . . .	12	40
800 lbs. shorts, \$8.80; 450 lbs. rye meal, \$6 . . . . .	14	80
Ice chest, \$9; ox cart, \$35 . . .	44	00
Horse cart, \$8; ox wagon, \$30 . . .	38	00
Express wagon, \$50; sleigh, \$7 . . .	57	00
Covered wagon, \$60; harnesses, \$25 . .	85	00
Grindstone, \$5; 2 wheelbarrows, \$7 . .	12	00
Farming tools, \$50; roller, \$25 . . .	75	00
6 silver spoons, \$5; carpet, \$8 . . .	13	00
Beds, bedding, and bedsteads . . .	250	00
Tables, stoves, and furniture . . .	200	00
Tea, \$1.50; sugar, \$1.50; lounge, \$10 .	13	00

Tin, iron, and stoveware . . . . .	\$16 00
70 bush. potatoes . . . . .	35 00
15 " turnips . . . . .	15 00
Cabbage, \$3; soap, \$3; cider, \$1 . . . . .	7 00
300 lbs. pork, \$30; 15 lbs. lard, \$1.35 . . . . .	31 35
Fresh meat, \$1; 3 wood-saws and axes, \$3 . . . . .	4 00
Barrels, \$5; 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ thousand shingles, \$6 . . . . .	11 00
10 cords wood in woodhouse . . . . .	40 00
20 cords wood in woods . . . . .	60 00
Lumber, \$10; 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ bbls. flour, \$13 . . . . .	23 00
Molasses, 90 cts.; tobacco, \$1; medi- cine, \$2.50 . . . . .	4 40
3 tons coal, \$21; oil, 20 cts.; coffee, \$1.75 . . . . .	22 95
Paints and oil, \$4; butter, \$1.50 . . . . .	5 50
Crackers, \$3; sheeting, 72 cts. . . . .	3 72
Shirting, \$3; salt, 40 cts. . . . .	3 40
Fish, 50 cts.; clothing, \$25 . . . . .	25 50
Farm wagon . . . . .	40 00
Apples, \$20; eggs, 50 cts. . . . .	20 50
75 lbs. dried apples . . . . .	5 62
47 lbs. ham . . . . .	5 87
Spices, \$1; beets, \$1; onions, 50 cts. . . . .	2 50
Thomas harrow . . . . .	10 00
Corn planter . . . . .	3 00
Pumpkins, \$1; herrings, 60 cts. . . . .	1 60
Zinc, 60 cts.; bread machine, \$3.25 . . . . .	3 85
Iron feed boxes . . . . .	2 00
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards oilcloth . . . . .	2 62
Bracket lamps, \$1; berries, \$1 . . . . .	2 00
Cranberries, \$1.25; nails, 50 cts. . . . .	1 75
Blankets, \$9.50; wolf robe, \$7 . . . . .	16 50
Mantel bedstead . . . . .	10 00
Matches, 15 cts.; oats, 30 cts. . . . .	45
12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords dressing . . . . .	100 00
Disinfectant, \$2.50; bellows, 75 cts. . . . .	3 25
Insect powder, 40 cts.; lime, 30 cts. . . . .	70
Harness oil, 50 cts.; corn, \$2 . . . . .	2 50
Seed planter, \$2.50; 4 bags, 80 cts. . . . .	3 30
Feed sacks, \$1; gun, \$3 . . . . .	4 00
75 lbs. lead pipe, \$3.75; brass pump, \$6, 9 75	

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In last year's report the Overseers of the Poor called the attention of the citizens of the town to the condition of the almshouse, and by vote of the town, the Overseers were chosen a committee to procure plans, specifications, and an estimate of the cost of a new almshouse, and report at the next annual meeting. Your committee have attended to that duty and have plans and an estimate of the cost, which will be reported at the annual meeting.

A. C. WOOD,	}	<i>Overseers of Poor of the Town of Middleborough.</i>
SYLVANUS MENDALL,		
C. T. THATCHER,		

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER,

ENDING JAN. 1, 1886.

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Cash received as follows :—

On hand as per report of Feb. 1, 1885 . . . . .	\$4,970 31
From State treasurer, for corporation tax . . . . .	3,170 63
State treasurer, for bank tax . . . . .	1,392 22
State treasurer, for State aid . . . . .	2,329 25
County treasurer, for excess of county tax of 1884 . . . . .	85 00
Middleborough Savings Bank . . . . .	13,000 00
Overseers of Poor . . . . .	852 44
New England Trust Co., for interest allowed on deposits . . . . .	100 18
Eaton, Leonard & Co., for concreting . . . . .	8 45
C. M. Wild, for concreting . . . . .	12 75
J. W. P. Jenks, " " . . . . .	29 58
George C. Richards, " " . . . . .	9 75
Lucy Washburn, " " . . . . .	16 45
Sidney Tucker, " " . . . . .	24 11
Samuel Barrett's est. " " . . . . .	21 78
James H. Harlow, " " . . . . .	28 78
Edward F. Wood, " " . . . . .	27 37
L. S. Bailey, " " . . . . .	25 67
George L. Soule, " " . . . . .	36 00
Mrs Hannah Fitz, " " . . . . .	6 61
Leonard & Barrows, " " . . . . .	45 78
Josiah B. Thomas, " " . . . . .	27 70
James M. Coombs, " " . . . . .	35 78
Alfred Ellis, for license . . . . .	13 00
Middleborough Savings Bank, for watchman . . . . .	30 00
Individuals for watchmen . . . . .	24 00

From four town maps sold . . . .	\$1 00
Elbridge Cushman, for tuition . .	40 00
N. Miller Sampson, " " . . . .	10 00
S. S. Stetson, " " . . . .	30 00
Town of Bridgwater, " " . . . .	25 50
" Rochester, " " . . . .	9 00
" Lakeville, " supplies, . . . .	17 12
sale of old schoolhouse at Wap- panucket, . . . .	20 00
A. W. Kelley, for herrings . . . .	100 00

From the following cities and towns  
on account of fish : —

Taunton, \$30 ; Fall River, \$10 ; Free- town, \$10 ; Raynham, \$20 ; Som- erset, \$20 ; Dighton, \$20 ; Berk- ley, \$20 . . . . .	130 00
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	\$26,706 21
From Collector of Taxes . . . . .	35,606 63
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	\$62,312 84

## CR.

Paid Selectmen and Auditor's orders, \$15,676 20	
School Committee's " 15,138 16	
Town House Committee's " 1,253 48	
Overseers of Poor " 5,370 23	
Notes and interest . . . . .	8,837 24
State aid, Chap. 301 . . . . .	1,696 25
Military aid, " 252 . . . . .	1,269 00
State Treasurer, State tax . . . .	2,610 00
County Treasurer, county tax . . .	3,237 21
N. Y. & B. D. Express Co. bill . .	14 00
L. M. Alden, for G. A. R. . . . .	150 00
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Libra- ry, dog licenses for 1884 . . . .	522 96
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Libra- ry, license money . . . . .	15 00
Board of Health orders . . . . .	161 37
Nathan King, as moderator . . . .	15 00
Fairbanks, Brown & Co., for set of scales and measures . . . . .	18 50
George L. Damon, for repairing vault door . . . . .	7 63



Paid killing 21 hawks . . . . .	\$5 25	
Watchman's bill for month of February . . . . .	56 00	
Stamps, postal cards, post-office box, etc. . . . .	24 52	
	<hr/>	\$56,108 00
Cash on hand . . . . .		6,204 84
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		\$62,312 84

C. T. THATCHER,  
*Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

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Taxes unpaid for 1881, as per report of 1885 . . . . .	\$131 00
Taxes unpaid for 1882, as per report of 1885 . . . . .	594 73
Taxes unpaid for 1883, as per report of 1885 . . . . .	1,670 62
Taxes unpaid for 1884, as per report of 1885 . . . . .	4,832 13
Taxes committed for 1885 . . . . .	36,171 82
Interest and summoness received . . . . .	306 02
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### CR.

Taxes unpaid for 1881 . . . . .	\$82 44
Taxes unpaid for 1882 . . . . .	245 95
Taxes unpaid for 1883 . . . . .	722 44
Taxes unpaid for 1884 . . . . .	1,939 43
Taxes unpaid for 1885 . . . . .	4,371 05
Assessors' orders . . . . .	738 38
Cash paid town Treasurer . . . . .	35,606 63
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C. T. THATCHER,  
*Collector.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 4, 1886.

The undersigned committee chosen by the town to settle with its Treasurer and Collector, hereby certify that they have attended to that duty and find the accounts correct and properly vouched for the year ending Jan. 1, 1886.

GEORGE BRAYTON.

At an adjourned meeting, held April 25, 1885, the following vote was passed: "That all delinquent tax-payers previous to 1885 be printed in the town report"; and in accordance with that vote the following list is printed:—

## TAXES NOT PAID IN J. T. WOOD'S DISTRICT.

1881.

Geo. E. Batchelder,	\$2 00
Wm. F. Bates,	2 00
Mrs. Francis F. Eaton,	
bal.,	1 08
Dan. Hartwell,	2 00
Charles Jones,	2 00
Patrick McGwynn,	2 00
Dexter Phillips,	2 00
Hercules Richmond,	
estate,	53 04
Daniel F. Wood,	2 00
Arthur W. Eaton,	
Brockton,	1 80
George H. Hazeltine,	
Brockton,	60

1882.

Geo. E. Aldrich, bal.,	1 00
John Bartlett,	2 00
Geo. E. Batchelder,	2 00
Wm. F. Bates, bal.,	1 00
Wm. A. Bates, bal.,	1 00
Job N. Cole, bal.,	1 32
Willis G. Churbuck,	2 00
George F. Day,	2 00
Mrs. Francis F. Eaton,	
bal.,	62
Francis F. Eaton, bal.,	45
Ansel Fuller,	2 00
Dan. Hartwell,	2 00
Geo. H. Hall,	2 00
Sebra Haskins, est.,	50
Harry H. Haskins,	2 00
Geo. H. Herman,	13 25
Mrs. Amelia Herman,	9 37
Charles Jones,	2 00
Solomon Kittrell,	2 00
Patrick McGwynn,	2 00
Wm. T. Peirce, bal.,	1 00

Hercules Richmond  
est.,

	\$53 25
Geo. E. Standish, bal.,	46
Charles A. Shaw,	2 00
John Chace, bal.,	11 75
Chas. H. Tribou, bal.,	1 00
Sylvanus H. Vaughan,	
bal.,	15 13
Thomas B. West,	2 00
Nathan W. Eaton,	
Brockton,	1 87
Geo. H. Hazeltine,	
Brockton,	63
Eleazer Richmond, est,	
Lakeville,	87
Rev. John Williams,	
Boston,	7 50

1883.

John Bartlett,	2 00
Benj. W. Bump, bal.,	16 25
Lafayette M. Batch-	
elder,	2 00
Geo. E. Batchelder,	2 00
Chester I. Briggs,	2 00
Wm. F. Bates,	2 00
Job N. Cole,	2 63
John Conant, bal.,	1 00
John W. Crocker,	3 00
Patrick Coughlin,	2 00
Stephen E. Dexter,	2 00
Chas. H. Dunham,	2 00
John Driscoll,	2 00
Geo. F. Day, bal.,	1 00
Mrs. Francis F. Eaton,	
bal.,	50
Francis F. Eaton,	50
Ansel Fuller, bal.,	1 00
Geo. L. Finney, bal.,	1 00
James Galligan, bal.,	1 00
Nelson D. Hathaway,	4 25
George H. Hall, bal.,	1 00

Sebra Haskins, estate,	\$0 50
Harry Haskins, bal.,	1 00
Henry A. Hazeltine,	10 37
Henry A. J. Hazeltine,	2 37
George H. Herman,	13 25
Mrs. Amelia Herman,	11 25
James Howes,	2 00
James J. Howes,	2 00
Charles A. Jones,	2 00
Nathan King, bal.,	65 91
Solomon Kittrell, bal.,	1 00
William Lashure,	2 00
Casper Littlehale,	2 00
Patrick McGwynn,	2 00
James McQuade,	2 00
William H. Macomber,	2 00
Edward Moody,	2 00
Josiah Moranville, bal.,	1 00
John T. O'Donald, bal.,	1 00
John F. Perry, bal.,	1 00
Dexter Phillips,	2 00
Hercules Richmond, estate,	59 00
George E. Standish,	17 38
Francis H. Shaw, bal.,	1 00
Warren Soule,	2 00
N. B. Sherman, bal.,	187 50
N. P. Sherman, bal.,	2 12
Edward R. Smith, bal.,	1 00
John H. Sullivan,	2 00
Joseph Stephen,	2 00
Job M. Staples,	20 75
Lamont W. Skinner,	2 00
Charles H. Tribou,	2 00
Charles A. Tinkham, bal.,	1 00
Francis M. Tinkham,	2 00
Sylvanus H. Vaughan, bal.,	8 12
Adonriam Vales, bal.,	3 25
Leonard R. Waters,	2 00
John P. West, bal.,	75
Nathan W. Eaton, Brockton,	1 87

Edward P. Harvey,	
Raynham,	\$0 63
George H. Hazeltine,	
Brockton,	63
Eleazer Richmond, est.,	
Lakeville,	87
Rev. John Williams,	
Boston,	7 50

1884.

George E. Aldrich,	2 00
John Bartlett,	2 00
Wm. B. Baldwin,	2 00
Benj. A. Bennett,	2 00
Malachi Burrell, estate,	16 80
Wm. H. Badger,	2 00
Henry B. Badger,	2 00
John S. Baker,	2 00
Richard Boucher,	2 00
Benj. W. Bump,	17 60
Lafayette M. Batchelder,	2 00
George E. Batchelder,	2 00
Chester I. Briggs,	2 00
William F. Bates,	2 00
William A. Bates,	2 00
Charles A. Cushman,	2 00
Herbert M. Coombs,	2 00
Nathan D. Churchill,	2 00
Libeus C. Churchill,	2 00
Franklin P. Cole,	3 56
Job N. Cole,	2 00
John M. Conant,	2 00
William H. Crossen,	2 00
John W. Crocker,	2 00
Herbert L. Caswell,	2 00
Thomas F. Curley,	2 00
James J. Curley,	2 00
Eugene Curley, bal.,	1 00
Michael Curley, bal.,	1 00
John B. Chandler,	2 00
Willis B. Churbuck,	2 00
Willie G. Churbuck,	2 00
Patrick Coughlin,	2 00
Patrick Claughan,	2 00

James Cowling,	\$2 00	Solomon Kittrell,	\$2 00
Thomas Conway,	3 68	Casper Littlehale,	2 00
George W. Dexter,	2 00	Michael McCarthy,	2 00
Stephen E. Dexter,	2 00	Frank McCarthy,	2 00
William Downing,	22 16	Patrick McGwynn,	2 00
Ednah W. Drake,		Michael McDonald,	2 00
balance,	4 32	John McClusky,	2 00
John Driscoll,	2 00	John E. McMann,	2 00
George F. Day,	2 00	James McQuade,	2 00
Azel T. Eaton,	2 00	Thomas McCusker,	2 00
Seth A. Eaton,	2 00	L. J. McQuinness,	2 00
Francis F. Eaton,	48	John H. Murphy,	2 00
Mrs. Francis F. Eaton,	3 60	George E. Morse,	2 00
John F. Eaton,	2 00	Albert Marble,	2 00
Albert Elliot,	2 00	Josiah Moranville,	2 00
George Eldridge,	2 00	Jonas Mayhew,	2 00
Ansel Fuller,	2 00	Jeremiah O'Connor,	2 00
George L. Finney,	2 00	John T. O'Donald,	2 00
Thomas Fagan,	2 00	William O'Donald,	2 00
Rodolpho Gay,	2 00	Frank Pease,	2 00
Charles F. Gay,	2 00	Dexter Phillips,	2 00
James Galligan,	2 00	Henry Post,	2 00
Edgar A. Hatch,	2 00	John T. Raymond,	2 00
Charles Hartwell,	2 00	Edward Robinson,	2 00
Dan. Hartwell,	2 00	Hercules Richmond,	
John Higgins,	2 00	estate,	56 64
James Higgins,	2 00	George E. Standish,	16 76
George E. Hackett,	13 76	William Say,	2 00
Edward N. Hackett,	3 80	William J. Salisbury,	2 00
George W. Hackett,	2 00	Charles A. Shaw,	2 00
Sebra Haskins, estate,	48	Calvin H. Shaw,	17 72
Harry H. Haskins,	2 00	Francis H. Shaw,	2 00
Patrick Houhhan,	2 00	George A. Soule,	2 00
Henry A. Hazeltine,	10 04	Jennie E. Soule,	3 00
Henry A. J. Hazeltine,	2 36	Warren Soule,	2 00
George H. Herman,	13 40	Thomas C. Swift,	2 00
Mrs. Amelia Herman,	10 80	N. B. Sherman,	212 00
James Howes,	2 00	N. P. Sherman,	16 40
James Howes, Jr.,	2 00	Edward R. Smith,	2 00
John E. Howes,	2 00	James Sullivan,	2 00
Joseph M. Horton,	2 00	Daniel Sullivan,	2 00
Simeon Hilton,	2 00	Joseph Stephens,	2 00
Charles A. Jones,	2 00	Job M. Staples,	20 00
Nathan King, bal.,	69 96	Willis Shurtleff,	14 96

Samuel L. Sturtevant, \$8 96	William Young, \$2 00
Lamont A. Skinner, 2 00	Nathan W. Eaton,
Richard Supple, bal., 5 00	Brockton, 1 80
Ruel Thompson, 2 00	James M. Forest,
Charles H. Tribou, 2 36	Providence, 1 08
Chas. H. Thomas, bal., 48 04	Edward P. Harvey,
Charles A. Tinkham, 2 00	Raynham, 60
Francis M. Tinkham, 2 00	Baylies Leonard, Lake-
Sylvanus H. Vaughan, 9 68	ville, 1 80
P. Washburn, estate, 278 40	Eleazer Richmond,
Leonard R. Waters, 2 00	estate, Lakeville, 84
William M. Williams, 2 00	Rev. John Williams,
Clifford White, 2 00	Boston, 7 20
George H. Wright, 2 00	William J. Bates, 2 00
John P. West, 2 72	Michael Kelley, 2 00
Thomas B. West, 2 00	Jared W. Pratt, 2 00

## N. S. CUSHING'S DISTRICT.

1882.	1884.
Henry L. Clapp, \$15 50	Stephen T. Atwood, \$2 24
Harrison Haskins, bal., 6 12	John F. Anderson, 2 00
George E. Messer, 2 00	Warner Alden, 2 00
1883.	E. Cushing Bonney, 6 92
Henry L. Clapp, bal., 16 87	George W. Barrows, 2 00
Edgar W. Gifford, 2 00	Gideon H. Bradford, 2 00
Harrison Haskins, bal., 6 12	Nelson F. Cole, 2 00
Stillman Hall, bal., 6 63	Charles D. Clark, 15 56
George E. Messer, 2 00	Henry L. Clapp, 18 20
George B. Thomas, 2 50	John M. Casey, 2 00
William W. Wood,	Job L. Cole, 2 48
bal., 20 50	Francis B. Dunham, 2 00
Jacob Holmes, estate,	Nathan W. Eaton, 2 00
Carver, 37	James Elliot, 7 40
John W. Benson, West	Herbert L. Ellis, 2 00
Wareham, 2 87	Calvin M. Gammons, 2 00
Jacob Eldridge, Taun-	Charles F. Gay, 2 00
ton, 50	Edgar W. Gifford, 2 00
Frank A. Atwood,	Harrison Haskins, 7 88
Taunton, 2 25	Edmund M. Haskins, 2 00
Charles H. Haskins,	Elbridge G. Haven, 2 00
Conn., 1 00	Alvin S. Howland, 2 00
	Charles G. Howes, 2 72



Stillman Hall,	\$7 40	Henry L. Thomas,	\$11 36
George S. Leonard,	15 44	Benjamin F. Thomas,	2 00
Arthur Leonard,	2 00	Isaac Tinkham,	2 00
Lemuel W. Leonard,	9 20	Charles W. Tinkham,	2 72
Benjamin Leonard,	2 00	William F. Thompson,	2 48
Artemas Morse,	2 00	James H. Tripp,	5 36
James H. Marvel,	2 00	William W. Wood,	22 04
Walter W. Marvel,	2 00	Samuel Williams,	2 00
John W. McFarlin,	3 20	Frank R. Westgate,	2 00
Stephen Merrihew,	2 00	George Wright,	2 00
George E. Messer,	2 00	Jacob Holmes, heirs,	
Thomas P. Messer,	2 00	Carver,	36
William C. Nye,	2 36	John W. Benson,	
William H. Macomber,	2 36	Wareham,	2 76
Joanna Perkins,	5 88	Jacob Eldridge, Taun-	
Samuel Ryder,	37 52	ton,	
Charles H. Ryder,	29 12	Frank A. Atwood,	
Nelson Shaw,	2 00	Taunton,	2 16
Abraham Thomas, es-		Charles H. Haskins,	
tate,	4 56	Conn.,	96

## A. T. SAVERY'S DISTRICT.

1881.		Henry Thatcher, Bos-	
Andrew L. Raymond,	\$5 90	ton,	\$2 17
Jas. T. Fuller, Brock-		Joseph G. Washburn,	
ton,	1 20	Carver,	2 19
Thomas L. Andrews,		1883.	
Bridgewater,	72	Wm. F. Davis, bal.,	1 00
Joseph G. Washburn,		Amasa E. Elbridge,	
Carver,	2 10	bal.,	1 00
1882.		Ezra Morse, bal.,	21 19
William F. Davis,	2 00	Chas. C. Mellen, bal.,	5 88
Andrew L. Raymond,	6 38	Andrew L. Raymond,	6 37
Nath'l F. Shurtleff,	2 00	William Ratcliff,	14 50
Daniel F. Wood,	2 00	Erastus B. Shaw, bal.,	12 13
Jas. T. Fuller, Provi-		Virgil W. Shurtleff,	
dence,	1 25	bal.,	1 00
Isaac N. Thayer,		Nath'l F. Shurtleff,	
Brockton,	11 87	bal.,	1 00
Thomas L. Andrews,		Ebenezer Tinkham,	
Bridgewater,	75	bal.,	12 44

Winfield S. Wright, bal.,	\$1 00	Erastus B. Shaw,	\$10 04
Jas. T. Fuller, Provi- dence,	1 25	Chas. F. Shaw, bal.,	4 75
Thos. L. Andrews, Bridgewater,	75	Virgil W. Shurtleff,	2 00
Henry H. Sproat, As- sonet, bal.,	29 54	Benj. Shurtleff,	2 00
Henry Thatcher, Bos- ton,	2 50	Nath'l F. Shurtleff,	2 00
Benj. Ransom, Car- ver,	19	Henry R. Tribou, bal.,	68 58
Joseph G. Washburn, Carver,	2 19	Ebenezer Tinkham,	12 20
		Wm. M. Washburn,	32 72
		Samuel B. Washburn,	3 80
		Daniel F. Wood,	2 00
		Winfield S. Wright,	2 00
		Chas. E. Wilbur,	2 00
		Raymond E. Barrows, estate,	5 40
		James T. Fuller, Provi- dence,	1 20
1884.		Thomas L. Andrews, Bridgewater,	72
Otis Bent,	4 70	Henry H. Sproat, As- sonet,	33 66
Everett W. Briggs,	2 00	Julius Atwood, North Easton,	5 40
Joseph L. Burroughs,	6 32	William Ratcliff, Bos- ton,	7 80
Chas. W. Burroughs,	2 60	Henry Thatcher, Bos- ton,	2 40
John C. Chace, bal.,	13 56	Gustavus L. Barrows, Fall River,	12 96
Wm. F. Davis,	20 24	Ellis H. Cornish, North Carver,	3 42
Charles Denham,	2 00	Benjamin Ransom,	18
Amasa E. Eldridge,	2 00	Carver,	2 10
Albert A. Gibbs,	2 00		
Stephen B. Holmes,	2 00		
Ezra Morse,	25 88		
Charles Murray,	9 80		
William McAllister,	2 00		
Charles C. Mellen,	13 76		
Charles E. Mellen,	2 00		
Rodney H. Parker,	13 34		
John Raymond, est.,	6 00		

## STATE AID

*Furnished the following Persons for the Year ending  
Jan. 1, 1886.*

Bliss, Alphonzo,	\$13 50	Gammons, Thos. G.,	\$54 00
Bumpus, Marcus,	12 00	Gibbs, Stephen S.,	36 00
Crosby, Asa F.,	72 00	Glancy, Bernard,	32 00
Dorr, Amos L.,	72 00	Goldsboro, John F.,	48 00
Fagan, Peter,	120 00	Hunt, Mrs. Vesta,	48 00

Hathaway, Mrs. Laura A.,	\$48 00	Shaw, William B.,	\$45 00
Haskins, Harrison,	39 00	Shaw, William N.,	72 00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.,	48 00	Shaw, George H., 2d,	36 00
Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth,	48 00	Sherman, Mrs. Eliza B.,	48 00
Jefferson, Martin F.,	36 00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.,	48 00
Jennings, Mrs. Harriet E.,	48 00	Tinkham, Mrs. Sarah A.,	48 00
Knowland, John B.,	16 00	Thomas, Solomon,	60 00
Mellen, Charles C.,	48 00	Westgate, Edward S.,	36 00
Morse, Artemas,	18 00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.,	48 00
Morse, Ezra,	9 00	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha W.,	28 00
McMann, James E.,	18 75	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey D.,	48 00
Norvill, Mrs. Susan,	24 00	Smith, Earl T.,	12 00
Perkins, Mrs. Celista,	48 00	Simmons, Mrs. Valeria A.,	11 00
Pope, Henry F.,	48 00		
Phillips, Calvin T.,	32 00		
Smith, Christopher C.,	48 00		
Scanlan, John,	72 00		
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			\$1,698 25

### MILITARY AID

*Furnished the following Persons for the Year ending  
Jan. 1, 1886.*

Briggs, James W.,	\$96 00	Ryder, Stephen C.,	\$72 00
Bisbee, Sylvanus,	10 00	Raymond, Fred'k R.,	72 00
Fessenden, James C.,	66 00	Standish, Alfred O.,	120 00
Gibbs, Abiel,	48 00	Smith, Hercules,	72 00
Hicks, Orren,	120 00	Vaughan, Cyrus M.,	36 00
Harlow, Reuben,	24 00	Wright, Winfield S.,	96 00
Lovell, Henry H.,	72 00	Wilmot, Thomas E.,	72 00
Lane, Benjamin F.,	54 00	Whitcomb, Henry F.,	37 00
Morse, Emerson P.,	96 00	Harlow Simeon,	6 00
Mann, John E.,	52 00		
Peirce, Edwin,	48 00		
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			\$1,269 00

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1885.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Jan. 1	Frank A Pease,	Middleboro'.	Nellie F. Southworth,	Middleboro'.
23	Stephen McIsaac,	"	Mary E. Donnelly,	Taunton.
27	Henry H. Sylvester,	"	Mary E. Ryder,	Middleboro'.
29	Thomas Boucher, 2d,	"	Anna A. Devine,	"
Feb. 9	Theodore M. Blakeslee,	New Haven, Ct.	Susie A. Drake,	"
11	Caleb B. Clark,	Middleboro'.	Alice J. Shaw,	Wareham.
March 7	Charles E. Colprit,	"	Mary L. Lane,	Middleboro'.
11	Josiah A. Perkins,	"	Edith M. Chandler,	"
April 23	James H. Galligan,	"	Sarah Foley,	Taunton.
27	Harrison Haskins,	"	Nancy L. Cobb,	Halifax.
29	Frederick A. Conant,	"	Susan A. Hayward,	S. Braintree.
May 5	Charles S. Tinkham,	"	Emma L. Andrews,	Middleboro'.
20	Frank P. Hall,	Raynham.	Delia K. Richmond,	"
27	Fisher Ames,	Bridgewater.	Ellen F. Macomber,	"
30	William H. Whitcomb,	Middleboro'.	Caroline M. Wright,	Plympton.
June 1	Clarence W. Dean,	Berkley,	Myra E. Bugby,	Taunton.
1	Thomas L. Ellis,	Middleboro'.	Hattie C. Wilber,	Middleboro'.
4	Joseph L. Burroughs, Jr.	"	Isabel M. Wetherbee,	"
18	James Higgins,	"	Mary M. Kelley,	"
Aug. 2	Edward G. Purdon,	"	Deborah Flynn,	"
18	Adam P. McKeen,	"	Maggie McIntosh,	Boston.
23	Marcina F. Caldwell,	"	Alice Shaw,	Middleboro'.
Sept. 2	George F. Bryant,	"	Roxanna E. Hagan,	"
7	Frederick W. Bourne,	"	Lucy W. Thomas,	"
15	Manfred Willis,	"	Reliance N. Penney,	"
Oct. 5	Albert H. Clark,	"	Flora A. Densmore,	E. Jeffers'n, Me.
6	Edgar H. Hatch,	"	Cora P. Lobdell,	Plympton.
25	William S. Hatch,	"	Mabel B. Wright,	Middleboro'.
29	William F. Dunham,	"	Bessie M. Maxwell,	"
Nov. 12	John Mullins,	"	Mary Houlihan,	"
13	John Paul,	"	Emma Shafer,	"
17	James S. O'Donnell,	"	Bridget Doran,	"
25	Jabez F. Smith,	"	Mary E. R. Goff,	Carver.
26	Fayette C. Norris,	"	Jennie R. Ryder,	Middleboro'.
26	Reuben A. Gibbs,	"	Fannie E. Nelson,	Lakeville.
Dec. 6	Robert L. Adams,	"	Ella M. Haskins,	E. Wareham.
17	William E. Coombs,	"	Ida M. Thomas,	Middleboro'.
2	Ezra F. Shaw,	"	Ida M. Shockley,	Lakeville.
4	Edward F. Dunham,	"	Bessie A. Hazelett,	Middleboro'.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1885.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME.
Jan. 3	Charles Clifton Smith.	Albert H. and Mary.	Hagan.
5	Florence May Porter.	Clarence E. and Harriet.	Eames.
21	Eugene H. Batchelder.	Eugene O. and Imogene.	Dunham.
31	Joseph Henry Tucker.	Henry and Ellen M.	Morgan.
Feb. 2	Ernest Sturtevant.	Samuel L. and Hannah F.	Curtis.
10	Dura Ellis Weston.	Dura T. and Anna.	Smith.
23	Helen Woodbury Crandall.	George H. and Lydia A.	Benson.
Mar. 14	Grace Blanchard Caswell.	Martin S. and Hannah I.	McManus.
19	Elsie May Bumpus.	Everett H. and Maggie M.	Howe.
25	Henry Warran Leach.	Corrydon H. and Julia F.	Pratt.
29	Louisa Clara Prime.	St. Clair and Emma F.	Darling.
April 4	Arthur Cleveland Shaw.	Perez and Anna M.	Churbuck.
9	Ella Frances Dunham.	Charles H. and Susan S.	Sweet.
30	Ernest Sumner Pratt.	L. Bradford and Sarah L.	Tripp.
May 8	Ralph Adams Dustin.	Arlon R. and Mary E.	Bisbee.
June 3	Annabel Landgrebe.	Ferdinand and Minnie.	Willig.
11	Edith Louise Jenks.	Joseph and Mary E.	Lord.
19	Edith Maud Perkins.	Josiah A. and Elizabeth M.	Chandler.
20	— Caswell.	Benjamin F. and Ella C.	Wade.
21	Idella May Bryant.	Horace L. and Ida F.	Lee.
22	Wilfred Sheldon Keyes.	Albert R. and Lucinda E.	Haven.
28	Bertram Leroy Tinkham.	Ira and Florence M.	Trow.
July 7	Herbert Wesley Batchelder.	Herbert L. and Sarah E.	Chamberlain.
14	Robert Elijah Baxter.	Elijah and Lydia F.	Landers.
24	Ernest Vaughan Thomas.	Charles H. and Lydia N.	Vaughan.
28	Emory Thorndike Chase.	G. Leroy and Amanda T.	Gibbs.
Aug. 1	Florence May Leahy.	William and Hattie F.	Maguire.
3	Blanche Eleanor Ellis.	Thomas L. and Hattie C.	Wilber.
6	Annie Maud Prentice.	Dwight N. and Annie M.	Sturges.
9	Oscar Leopold Boehme.	Charles H. and Mary A.	O'Conner.
26	John Richard Harrington.	Cornelius F. and Matilda E.	Boehme.
31	Ann Margaret McManus.	Edward and Sarah.	Devine.
Sept. 2	Mary Elizabeth Merrihew.	Stephen and Mary.	Braley.
5	Abby Nelson Lucas.	Rufus W. and Lucy N.	Soule.
6	Helena Kidder Macomber.	William B. and Carrie A.	Tinkham.
6	John Lamb.	James B. and Harriet A.	Vaughan.
7	Ina Maud Cushman.	Alexander H. and Lizzie A.	Taylor.
9	Gertrude Emma Colprett.	Charles E. and Mary E.	Lane.
10	Lillie Maria Frances Grenquest.	Charles F. and Christiana.	Nelson.
14	Elbridge Henry Smith.	Mozart I. and Luella	Maxim.
16	— Thomas.	E. Williams and Almira E.	Perkins.
17	Mary Pickens Glidden.	Amasa R. and Mary B.	Pickens.
19	Jean Surrey.	David S. and Susan L.	Sparrow.
20	Ida May Caswell.	Solomon H. and Augusta A.	Robbins.
Oct. 10	Marjorie Louise Ryder.	Alonzo F. and Emma L.	Carpenter.
14	Lewis Pratt.	S. Lewis and Bertha.	Savage.
15	Bessie Ellen Magoon.	Josiah E. and Ida L.	Baker.
19	Eva Elizabeth McKeown.	George and Emma L.	Woodward.
22	Arthur McAlister.	William and Abby F.	Warren.
26	Viola Mildred Shaw.	Nelson and Mary H.	Atwood.
28	— Pease.	Frank A. and Nellie F.	Southworth.
Nov. 9	Lucy Novelle Maxim.	Winslow T. and Clara J.	Pinkham.
10	Lottie Ethel Tribou.	Charles H. and Etta M.	Batchelder.
13	Charles Horace Farrington.	Charles H. and Paulina F.	Southward.
16	— McLoosa.	Frank and Anna.	Henry.
22	James Frederic Harvey.	James W. and Marion.	Harrison.
25	{ Nellie Tinkham. } Twins.	Sylvanus and Annah J.	
28	{ Minnie Tinkham. }		
28	Hattie May Blakeslee.	Theodore M. and Susan A.	Drake.
28	Joseph Francis Norris.	John and Anna.	Penders.
29	— McMann.	John E. and Clara A.	Lee.
Dec. 5	— Robinson.	Walter S. and Alice B.	Osborn.
14	Anna Eliza Kinder.	Thomas E. and Anna E.	Stewart.
17	Helen Elizabeth Kingman.	Charles W. and Emily E.	Cole.
22	Walter Sidney Rose.	— Cynthia.	Rose.
24	— Tinkham.	Whiting J. and Margaret J.	Chamberlain.
31	May Olive O'Hara.	Stephen and Catharine.	Murphy.



## DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1885.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Jan. 1	Annie M. Tinkham,	7	7	..	Croup.
2	Lorenzo Smith,	74	5	..	Consumption.
2	Achsah S. Wood,	46	4	12	Inflammation of Lungs.
3	Betsey C. Barrows,	62	10	21	Scrofula, Cancer.
5	Paulina E. Tripp,	3	9	7	Croup.
6	Netta M. Paret,	..	4	..	Scrofula.
12	Andrew Pratt,	72	..	..	Shaking Palsy, Old Age.
12	Fannie F. Carter,	3	11	21	Croupous Diphtheria.
19	Mary L. Williams,	57	6	19	Malignant Diphtheria.
24	Winifred A. Shaw,	8	9	25	Malignant Diphtheria.
24	Leonard Driggs,	69	4	9	Heart Disease.
30	Maria L. Maxim,	9	3	15	Stoppage.
30	Myra C. Kingman,	..	5	6	Diarrhoea.
Feb. 1	Susan E. Gibbs,	54	6	23	Cancer.
7	Hannah Richmond,	51	..	..	Diphtheria.
10	Henry F. Whitcomb,	40	7	20	Consumption.
10	Sophia M. Gammans,	71	7	10	Enteritis.
17	Mary Chamberlain,	88	..	..	Blood Poison.
16	Andrew Benson,	75	10	13	
24	Esther S. Keon,	21	..	15	Typhoid Fever, Peritonitis.
March 1	Salome Vaughan,	65	9	20	Consumption.
5	Hannah C. Thomas,	90	..	25	Pneumonia.
10	Rodney B. D. Ashley,	8	6	11	Diphtheria.
12	Hannah J. Gibbs,	77	..	..	Consumption.
12	William T. Wood,	83	8	8	Pneumonia.
14	Mary A. Wells,	20	2	15	Consumption.
15	Amanda M. Thompson,	76	4	15	Paralysis.
18	Jemima W. Pratt,	90	10	3	Bronchitis.
22	Valeria A. Simmons,	54	3	13	Dropsy.
23	Cornelius B. Wood,	75	..	..	Cystitis.
25	Milton Alden,	77	6	11	Pleuro Pneumonia.
25	Salona E. White,	89	4	7	Pneumonia.
28	Frederick W. Elliot,	..	1	4	Pneumonia.
31	Susan E. Washburn,	73	..	..	Nervous Exhaustion, Bronchitis.
April 7	Charles E. Park,	54	..	..	Pneumonia.
7	Jerusha Gibbs,	90	1	14	Dropsy.
11	Hugh R. Kelley,	1	2	..	Pneumonia.
12	Lucy D. Brooks,	26	5	..	Consumption.
15	Andrew Leonard,	81	..	20	Old Age.
16	Experience Waterman,	79	2	..	Heart Failure.
19	Levi Hall,	76	8	28	Paralysis.
28	Deborah M. Sears,	52	6	19	Heart Disease.
25	Isaac R. Simmons,	58	3	19	Chronic Renal Disease, Peritonitis.
May 13	Allen C. Thatcher,	91	10	26	Typhoid Pneumonia.
15	William Shiverick,	68	6	15	Heart Disease.
23	Emily W. Dean,	66	3	20	Pneumonia.
24	George H. Clark,	35	..	14	Consumption.
26	Lydia R. Thompson,	72	3	11	Heart Disease.
June 9	William H. Vaughan,	67	..	9	Heart Disease.
10	Eugene J. Balcom,	35	3	25	Typhoid Pneumonia.
19	Solomon H. Sylvester,	51	5	6	Paralysis of Brain.
19	William A. Taylor,	10	10	26	Hemoptysis and Hematemesis, result of injuries sustained by an accident.
July 30	Nancy L. Sprague,	57	1	26	Heart Disease.
2	Richard W. Leonard,	74	9	26	Shock.
5	James P. Sparrow,	60	8	25	Rheumatism and Paralysis.
9	Florence A. White,	22	4	..	Consumption.
17	Jacob C. Strauss,	26	..	..	Drowned.
20	George S. Cobb,	78	2	19	Cancer.
22	William Sadler,	80	5	..	Paralysis of Brain.
23	Rufus W. Lucas,	35	6	5	Meningitis following Sunstroke.
29	S. Ella Bryant,	32	6	29	Consumption.
Aug. 3	Eugene H. Batchelder,	..	6	13	Cholera Infantum.



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DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Aug. 5	Abba J. Douglass,	62	..	..	Dropsy.
6	Mercy Benson,	65	2	28	Heart Disease.
7	Ella F. Dunham,	..	3	28	Cholera Infantum.
10	Hannah D. Crossman,	69	10	..	Diarrhœa.
11	Mary L. Downing,	43	..	27	Diabetes.
14	Thomas Snow,	79	1	27	Heart Disease.
18	George S. Savery,	68	10	..	Brain Disease.
19	May E. Downing,	1	6	4	Cholera Infantum.
22	Mary W. Leonard,	85	10	24	Old Age.
30	Robert E. Baxter,	..	1	14	Cholera Infantum.
Sept. 1	Frank Haskell,	23	9	..	Consumption.
3	Lysander A. Richmond,	20	2	6	Chronic Nephritis.
6	John Lamb,	..	..	..	Infantile.
15	Mary B. Parker,	81	..	..	Paralysis.
16	Mary A. Lyman,	49	11	..	Cancer.
17	Elbridge H. Smith,	..	..	3	Infantile.
Oct. 5	Susie A. Taber,	12	7	..	Diabetes.
8	Abigail Smith,	84	8	..	Heart Disease.
20	Daniel S. Collins,	44	5	28	Cystitis.
Nov. 2	Emily F. Sherman,	49	8	..	Diphtheria.
4	Winthrop D. Standish,	21	1	7	Consumption.
10	Lucie P. Goldsboro,	38	..	..	Congestion of Brain.
13	Edward F. Urell,	29	..	..	Rheumatic Fever.
16	Seth Hartwell,	27	10	1	Consumption.
21	Sarah C. Thomas,	80	6	..	Softening of Brain.
23	Cordelia F. Richmond,	59	6	23	Consumption.
25	Soranus G. Wrightington,	66	2	23	Dropsy.
Dec. 4	Olive Eaton,	91	7	..	Old Age.
5	Lydia Bassett,	88	..	..	Old Age.
13	Allen Pratt,	72	..	..	Congestion of Brain, Exhaustion.
28	Paulina F. Farrington,	24	10	20	Consumption.
30	Rosa C. Rudolph,	19	..	..	Typhoid Fever.

## SUMMARY.

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The following are the statistics of marriages, births, and deaths, recorded in Middleborough for the year 1885 :—

### MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1885,	39
Oldest groom, 64.	Oldest bride, 49.
Youngest groom, 21.	Youngest bride, 18.
First marriage of 71 persons.	33 males, 38 females.
Second   "           6   "	5   "       1   "
Third    "           1   "	1   "       "   "
—	
78	39 couples.

### BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1885,	67
Males 27.   Females 40.	

### DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1885,	95
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### AGES.

Still-born,	1	Under one year,	8
Between 1 and 5 years,	4	Between 5 and 10 years,	4
"   10   "   20   "	3	"   20   "   30   "	11
"   30   "   40   "	5	"   40   "   50   "	6
"   50   "   60   "	10	"   60   "   70   "	12
"   70   "   80   "	16	"   80   "   90   "	10
"   90   " 100   "	5		

### DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed,	319
Males, 306.   Females, 13.	

C. T. THATCHER,  
*Town Clerk.*

# VOTE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, NOV., 1885.

## FOR GOVERNOR.

George D. Robinson, of Chicopee . . . . .	312
Frederick O. Prince, of Boston . . . . .	141
Thomas J. Lothrop, of Taunton . . . . .	71
James Sumner, of Milton . . . . .	8

## FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Oliver Ames, of Easton . . . . .	313
Henry H. Gilmore, of Cambridge . . . . .	147
Charles B. Knight, of Worcester . . . . .	71
William Murray, of Boston . . . . .	2

## FOR SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Henry B. Peirce, of Abington . . . . .	313
Jeremiah Crowley, of Lowell . . . . .	146
George Kempton, of Sharon . . . . .	71
Hiram W. K. Eastman, of Lawrence . . . . .	2

## FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL.

Alanson W. Reed, of Boston . . . . .	310
Henry M. Cross, of Newburyport . . . . .	147
Claudius B. Travis, of Natick . . . . .	71
Walter Harmon, of Boston . . . . .	2

## FOR AUDITOR.

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield . . . . .	312
James E. Delany, of Holyoke . . . . .	147
William W. Sherman, of Lowell . . . . .	71
Arad H. Wood, of Lunenburg . . . . .	2

## FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Edgar J. Sherman, of Lawrence . . . . .	311
Henry K. Braley, of Fall River . . . . .	147
Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden . . . . .	72
Asa T. Hall, of Hudson . . . . .	2

## FOR COUNCILLOR, FIRST DISTRICT.

Jonathan Bourne, of New Bedford . . . .	312
Michael C. Moroney, of Wareham . . . .	120
Edward L. Hyde, of Middleborough . . . .	71
Philander Cobb, of Kingston . . . .	28

## FOR SENATOR, FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Charles H. Howland, of Plymouth . . . .	300
John S. Benson, of Middleborough . . . .	156
Charles E. Bailey, of Scituate . . . .	73

## FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Jedediah Dwelley, of Hanover . . . .	312
Van R. Swift, of Bridgewater . . . .	146
Nathan Beal, of Rockland . . . .	72

## FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

William S. Danforth, of Plymouth . . . .	312
George M. Nash, of Abington . . . .	147
Edwin Sawtell, of Brockton . . . .	71

## FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Albert Davis, of South Abington . . . .	291
Albert T. Davis, of South Abington . . . .	21
Andrew J. Griffeth, of Carver . . . .	146
David B. Gurney, of South Abington . . . .	71

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE, SEVENTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

James H. Harlow, of Middleborough . . . .	252
George S. Haskins, of Lakeville . . . .	157
Calvin D. Kingman, of Middleborough . . . .	107

## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Yes . . . . .	102
No . . . . .	24

## TOWN WARRANT.

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### ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 8, 1886.

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. The following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz.: Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and Fish Wardens.

3d. To vote upon the question of granting Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. Ballots to be "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the present year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the present year, and to determine when the same shall be assessed, and how appropriated.

6th. To choose a board of auditors to examine claims against the town, and order the payment of the same.

7th. To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer, and report the condition of the treasury.

8th. To vote the pay of the Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.

9th. To dispose of the town's right to take alewives the present year, and act anything thereon.

10th. To see if the town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided, they shall also be chosen Poundkeepers.

11th. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their almshouse, and act anything thereon.

12th. To allow accounts against the town, and act anything thereon.

13th. To take action in relation to clearing the highway of snow the present year.

14th. To hear and act on the reports of any officers or committees of the town.

15th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

16th. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night watch at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

17th. To dispose of the money received for licenses the present year, and act anything thereon.

18th. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, Grand Army of the Republic, on Memorial Day.

19th. To take action on the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

20th. To see if the town will vote to pay a part of the expense of sprinkling streets at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

21st. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester, and Freetown.

22d. To see if the town will vote to build a new almshouse, and act anything thereon.

23d. To see if the town will vote to purchase another road scraper, and act anything thereon.

24th. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote passed at the last annual meeting requiring the School Committee, annually, to appoint a Superintendent of Schools, and act anything thereon.

25th. To see if the town will vote to build a new school-house in the Four Corner Village, and act anything thereon.



26th. To see if the town will vote to pay for the pipes and hydrant, and putting in the same across the Town House lot from Main to Union Streets, and act anything thereon.

27th. To see if the town will authorize the construction of watering troughs and water cranes, and act anything thereon.

28th. To see if the town will vote to pay the Fire District for a supply of water for public purposes, and act anything thereon.

29th. To see if the town will appropriate any amount of money to be used by E. W. Peirce Post 8, G. A. R., as per Chap. 189 of Laws and Resolves of 1885 (by petition).

30th. To see if the town will vote to require the County Commissioners of this county to establish a Truant School.





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
MIDDLEBOROUGH,  
FOR THE YEAR  
1886.

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MIDDLEBORO, MASS. :  
MIDDLEBORO GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.  
1887.

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TERM EXPIRES 1887.

MATTHEW H. CUSHING.

AUGUSTUS PRATT.

ADELINE V. WOOD.

TERM EXPIRES 1888.

GEORGE L. ELLIS.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN.

JAMES H. WESTON.

TERM EXPIRES 1889.

WILLIAM H. BOWEN.

JAMES F. SHURTLEFF.

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## OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

MATTHEW H. CUSHING, Chairman.

EDWARD P. FITTS, Secretary.

## *Superintendent of Schools.*

EDWARD P. FITTS. \*

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Teachers: SULLIVAN, BOWEN and ELLIS.

On Supplies: ELLIS, SULLIVAN and CUSHING.

## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Schools Nos. 10, 11, 12, 17, J. F. SHURTLEFF.

Schools Nos. 8, 13, 14, MATTHEW H. CUSHING,

Schools Nos. 3, 4, 6, Mrs. ADELINE V. WOOD.

School No. 16, and Academy, GEORGE L. ELLIS.

Schools Nos. 20, 21, and 22. AUGUSTUS PRATT.

School No. 2, and High School, WILLIAM H. BOWEN.

School No. 19, and Union Street Schools, JAMES H. WESTON. \*

School Street Schools, JOHN C. SULLIVAN.

Office hours of Superintendent of Schools: 8 to 9 every school day, Town House, East Room.

# Report of the School Committee.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Estate P. Washburn, rent of land. . . . .	\$16 00
C. H. Morss, postage and office expenses. . . . .	9 30
H. L. Thatcher, printing school reports. . . . .	13 25
J. & G. E. Doane's bill, balance. . . . .	53 01
Horatio N. Wilbur, repairs, No. 3. . . . .	3 00
Joshua Sherman, repairs, High School. . . . .	13 38
Thomas W. Pierce, incidentals. . . . .	35
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber. . . . .	14 70
J. H. Weston, repairs, High School. . . . .	2 00
John Shaw, fittings for Chemical laboratory . . . . .	30 2
H. N. Pratt & Son, repairs. . . . .	1 34
J. H. Weston, repairs, No. 16. . . . .	2 75
Geo. Soule, chairs. . . . .	2 75
J. L. Hammett, Ink wells and covers, '85. . . . .	1 50
Lorenzo Tinkham, repairs, School Street. . . . .	6 30
J. H. Willoughby, cash advanced. . . . .	6 52
Jas. A. Thomas, repairs, Fall Brook. . . . .	1 66
Lorenzo Tinkham, stock and Labor. . . . .	3 68
J. & G. E. Doane, incidental to June 1st. . . . .	54 76
B. F. Tripp, table for High School. . . . .	3 00
Peirce Academy, rent to June 18th. . . . .	67 00
C. P. Grant, 10 Bunsen Burners. . . . .	5 00
C. H. Morss, stationery and office expenses. . . . .	5 05
Chas. A. Wood, inscribing diplomas. . . . .	3 50
Chas. F. Ober, expenses. . . . .	4 00
Elijah Baxter, cleaning at Fall Brook. . . . .	50
J. K. & B. Sears, lumber, No. 17. . . . .	33 36
Jones Brothers, paper, No. 14. . . . .	5 69
L. T. Miller, labor and repairs, No. 14. . . . .	16 75
W. S. Gibbs, repairs, No. 21. . . . .	46 50
F. W. Hayden, clock, No. 18. . . . .	4 25
N. D. Wilbur, stock and labor, High School. . . . .	14 37
F. B. Gibbs, stock and labor, No. 13. . . . .	44 31
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, High School. . . . .	77



Dura T. Weston, stock and labor, No. 8. . . . .	1 80
Domestic Plumbing Co., School Street. . . . .	110 00
Domestic Plumbing Co., labor. . . . .	1 35
A. T. Savery, stock and labor, No. 2. . . . .	5 25
A. T. Savery, wood, Academy. . . . .	25 87
Union School Furnishing Co., No. 14. . . . .	100 00
M. H. Cushing, chairs for High School. . . . .	5 00
B. F. Harlow, repairs, No. 11. . . . .	9 96
G. Rosenfeld, paper for No. 12. . . . .	4 19
Joshua Sherman, stock and labor, School Street. . . . .	8 25
J. T. Washburn, stock and labor, School Street. . . . .	5 75
Jones Brothers, paper and border, No. 17. . . . .	2 70
Wm. Ryder, labor, No. 10. . . . .	6 85
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, School Street. . . . .	6 20
Albert Reed, wood, No. 21. . . . .	8 50
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, Union Street. . . . .	8 26
N. H. Ryder, shingles, No. 18. . . . .	18 00
O. E. Deane, wood and cutting, No. 6. . . . .	16 12
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, No 19. . . . .	116 19
J. & G. E. Doane, supplies, No. 19. . . . .	8 82
J. H. Weston, labor, No. 19. . . . .	40 00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, No. 4. . . . .	21 71
J. & G. E. Doane, supplies, No. 4. . . . .	1 99
J. H. Weston, labor, No. 4. . . . .	17 81
F. E. Wood, setting glass. . . . .	1 05
F. E. Wood, Union Street. . . . .	101 50
J. H. Weston, labor, Union Street. . . . .	7 50
J. H. Vaughan, wood, No. 16. . . . .	14 25
J. H. Vaughan, grading, No. 16. . . . .	4 50
E. N. Shaw, wood, No. 10. . . . .	12 50
J. G. Sparrow, paint and labor, No. 14. . . . .	8 55
Thomas W. Pierce, sundries. . . . .	4 76
J. H. Thomas, work, No. 8. . . . .	1 50
J. H. Thomas, wood No. 8. . . . .	12 00
R. Bunker, No, 21. . . . .	1 75
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., sundries, No. 2. . . . .	6 04
J. W. Flansburg, wood, No. 12. . . . .	9 00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., sundries. . . . .	8 14
B. Greyson, working wood, No. 20 and No. 21. . . . .	7 37
F. A. Nauts, easel and shelf. . . . .	1 50
Galen T. Sherman, wood, No. 17. . . . .	14 00
Jared Pratt, wood, No. 20. . . . .	8 50
C. A. Wood, repairs, High School. . . . .	1 00
H. A. Sparrow, painting and glazing. . . . .	40 00
Jones Brothers, curtains, School Street. . . . .	5 70
Elisha Thomas, wood, No. 19. . . . .	3 50

Elisha Thomas, wood, No. 4 . . . . .	3 50
Sam'l Wood, sawing and housing wood, No. 4. . . . .	3 75
Geo. S. Clark, wood No. 19. . . . .	12 50
A. V. Wood, wood and cutting, No. 3. . . . .	9 75
Mrs. Wolf, cleaning, No, 3, . . . . .	2 00
S. C. Coffin, stock and labor, No. 6. . . . .	6 95
A. T. Savery, wood and cutting, No. 3. . . . .	4 00
H. L. Thatcher, printing. . . . .	9 50
C. A. Wood, labor, High School. . . . .	1 50
Lorenzo Tinkham, table, No. 3. . . . .	1 50
A. T. Savery, wood, School Street. . . . .	42 00
Thomas W. Pierce's bill. . . . .	16 41
Mrs. Dainah Blee, cleaning, No. 4. . . . .	2 00
George Soule, chairs, No. 13. . . . .	3 50
L. T. Miller, labor, No. 14. . . . .	31 67
Pierce Academy, rent to Dec. 24th. . . . .	88 80
C. F. Cushman, wood, No. 13. . . . .	2 62
H. N. Wilbur, labor and stock, No. 3. . . . .	4 18
Nelson Ober, wood, No. 19. . . . .	1 50
George Bump, wood, No. 19. . . . .	8 50
John Shaw's bill. . . . .	30 73
James L. Jenny, coal, Union St. . . . .	70 08
Total. . . . .	<hr/> \$1675 44

## TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Marion P. Alden. . . . .	\$11 00
Sadie O. Morse. . . . .	10 00
Nellie W. Bennett. . . . .	6 00
Bessie F. Merrihew. . . . .	5 00
Edith M. Chace. . . . .	6 00
Herbert A. Cobb. . . . .	10 00
Florence Deane. . . . .	17 61
Cora F. Thompson. . . . .	13 00
Mabel W. Clark. . . . .	30 00
Annie H. Weston. . . . .	18 00
Della L. Barrows. . . . .	16 93
Flora H. Atwood. . . . .	16 93
L. W. Thomas. . . . .	10 16
O. H. Gibbs. . . . .	16 93
Lucretia B. Shurtleff. . . . .	20 13
L. B. Thomas. . . . .	20 06
Melvin E. Thomas. . . . .	13 36
G. E. Tillson. . . . .	20 13

A. E. Bettridge . . . . .	8 00
E. M. Coffin. . . . .	8 00
W. L. Phinney. . . . .	8 00
Mattte Carter. . . . .	5 00
Jennie M. Gammons. . . . .	6 70
Louis C. LeBaron. . . . .	6 70
Olive A. Smith. . . . .	6 75
H. H. Ryder. . . . .	6 77
Rena M. Dunham. . . . .	6 77
Total.	\$323 95
Paid for transportation from No. 22, to No. 21. . . . .	56 00
Paid for transportation from No. 1, to No. 2. . . . .	180 00
Paid for transportation No. 6. . . . .	10 00
Total.	\$246 00

### EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

School No. 2 . . . . .	\$310 60	School No. 16 . . . . .	\$285 85
" " 3 . . . . .	318 95	" " 17 . . . . .	287 85
" " 4 . . . . .	304 35	" " 19 . . . . .	306 35
" " 6 . . . . .	277 85	" " 20 . . . . .	298 72
" " 8 . . . . .	251 10	" " 21 . . . . .	283 60
" " 10 . . . . .	306 10	" " 22 . . . . .	100 25
" " 11 . . . . .	232 75	" " 18 . . . . .	4197 94
" " 12 . . . . .	285 15	High School . . . . .	1990 00
" " 13 . . . . .	271 60		
" " 14 . . . . .	330 45	Total. . . . .	\$10639 46

### TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Ginn & Co. . . . .	\$55 75
Harrison Hume . . . . .	161 71
Wm. Ware & Co. . . . .	37 95
Geo. F. King & Merrill. . . . .	41 10
J. L. Hammett. . . . .	25 27
M. T. Rogers & Co. . . . .	79 35
Cowperthwait & Co. . . . .	86 98
Lee & Shephard. . . . .	20 00
Thompson, Brown & Co. . . . .	53 51
Harper & Brothers. . . . .	53 33
Carl Schoenhof. . . . .	62 25
E. H. Butler. . . . .	14 50
Carroll W. Clark. . . . .	21 72
W. P. Adams. . . . .	20 15

S. R. Winchell & Co. . . . .	3 30
Willard Small. . . . .	10 00
H. L. Thatcher. . . . .	69 59
Shaw & Childs. . . . .	1 10
D. Appleten & Co. . . . .	106 03
Houghton, Mifflin & Co. . . . .	10 20
Boston School Supply. . . . .	47 89
Adams & Ingraham. . . . .	8 69
Silver, Rogers & Co. . . . .	3 20
Total. . . . .	<u>\$923 59</u>

## SUMMARY.

General Appropriation . . . . .	\$11,000 00
Appropriation for incidentals . . . . .	1,500 00
Appropriation for Text-Books and Supplies . . . . .	1,000 00
Appropriation for Superintendent's Salary . . . . .	1,000 00
Received from the State . . . . .	195 97
Received from High School tuition . . . . .	100 00
Received from Grammar School tuition . . . . .	24 00
Received from sale of supplies to Lakeville . . . . .	16 62
Cash on hand from tuition and sale of books . . . . .	38 55
Total. . . . .	<u>\$14,875 14</u>
Expended from General appropriation . . . . .	\$11,209 41
Expended for Incidentals . . . . .	1,675 44
Expended for Text-Books and supplies. . . . .	923 59
Expended for Superintendent's Salary . . . . .	1,000 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$14,808 44</u>
Balance of Receipts over expenditures . . . . .	<u>\$66 70</u>

## REPORT.

The Committee, having approved of the following report of the Superintendent of Schools, respectfully invite you attention to the same.

MATTHEW H. CUSHING.  
 GEORGE L. ELLIS.  
 WM. H. BOWEN.  
 JAMES F. SHURTLEFF.  
 AUGUSTUS PRATT.  
 ADELINE V. WOOD.  
 JOHN C SULLIVAN.  
 JAMES H. WESTON.

*School Committee.*



# REPORT

## OF THE

# SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

*To the School Committee of the Town of Middleborough :*

Your attention is respectfully invited to the following report, meagre as it must be on account of my short connection with the schools of this town.

You will readily understand that it must consist very largely of information gained from records left by those who have gone to other fields of labor. In addition, there will be given such information as has been gained by my personal observation, leaving out, of necessity, many facts which would be interesting for you and the people of the town to know.

During the past four months it has been my intention to acquaint myself as fully as possible with the working of the school-system heretofore pursued, and to carry out such plans as had already been devised, that there might be as little break in the progress of the pupils as it was possible to make, rather than try to build up a system of my own which would be so radical as to destroy what was already so well begun.

No two men can look at everything in exactly the same light and so some changes have been made from the former routine, but only those which seemed to me to be additions in no way contradictory to the general plan and well-being of the school system.

### CHANGES.

During the year there have been several changes in the corps of teachers.

At the beginning of the Fall term all the teachers in the High School were new to this position. John P. Arnold took the place formerly held by his sister as Principal of the Grammar School. Lucy T. Haskell was chosen teacher of School Street Primary No. 1, and Lillian F. Simmons was employed to fill the



vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Sampson, who was called to Malden soon after the beginning of the term.

The new teachers in other parts of the town were Mary B. Richards at Waterville; Annie H. Weston at Thompsonville; Irene S. Nightingale at Thomastown; Jennie Bennett at Rock; George W. Dempsey at Fall Brook; Grace D. Beattie at Wapanucket and Annie M. Keith at the Neck.

During the year there have been employed forty-five different teachers.

About half of our teachers have either attended or graduated from Normal Schools and it is my pleasure to state that much of our best teaching comes from those who have had such training. There is such a thing as a natural aptitude to teach and without it no amount of special training can make up for the want of it; but join the natural ability and the training, and we have our best teachers.

Either the town or the individual must pay for experience, and it has been a constant pleasure to me to note with what familiarity the graduates of Normal Schools begin their work, knowing both what to do and how to do it from the first day they enter school.

### TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Three meetings have been held during the fall term in the Superintendent's office. At these gatherings the teachers have been of great help to each other by comparing notes in regard to work already done, and in making plans for the future. Here the Superintendent can bring before all the teachers faults and good things which he sees during his visits at the several schools, and by free and open discussion get the best views of all. Here the whole school-work can be arranged as a unit, with an effectiveness which could be brought about in no other way. It would please me very much if the request of the teachers that some other day than Saturday could be appointed for the meeting, but it seems utterly impracticable. It is, therefore, all the more to the credit of the teachers that they give so generously of their time, and many of them of their earnings in order to be present.

The attendance at the meetings has been remarkably good, and

only sickness or some other good reason has detained the teachers from being present.

### SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

Decided improvements have been made in the school buildings. The Union street house has been newly painted; floors laid and other improvements made at Nemasket and Purchase; the building at the Neck has been thoroughly transformed by shingles, paint and paper; Highland and Rock buildings have each been repaired, and the house at Fall Brook has had new furniture besides other repairs.

These improvements have made the houses much more convenient and suitable for the uses to which they are put, besides being ever a source of instruction in neatness for all who use them.

There is still need of doing much in several of the districts, and with an appropriation equal to that of last year the buildings would show as much greater improvement as they now do over former years.

### REPORTS.

The same reports as have formerly been sent to the Superintendent are now received and in addition to these, the teachers above the primary grades send monthly reports to the parents, of the pupils' work in their several studies, together with the number of days present and absent and the deportment of each. All are now marked on a scale of 100 and anything below 75 is considered unsatisfactory. Some years ago the High School sent reports of daily recitations, but the present method has the advantage of being uniform throughout all the grades, and credit is given for both daily work and written examinations. It has increased very much the labor of some of the teachers while some have done it before of their own accord. Allow me to ask your hearty co-operation and that of the parents in making this a very great help to better work in our schools.

### STATISTICS.

Number of children between five and fifteen, May

1. 1886 . . . . . 810

Whole number enrolled. Winter term . . . . . 763

Whole number enrolled, Spring term,	. . . . .	801
Autumn "	. . . . .	822
Average membership, Winter "	. . . . .	695
Spring "	. . . . .	776
Autumn "	. . . . .	774
Average attendance, Winter "	. . . . .	639
Spring "	. . . . .	692
Autumn "	. . . . .	700
Per cent. of daily attendance,		
Winter term,	. . . . .	87
Spring "	. . . . .	88
Autumn "	. . . . .	90
Number cases of tardiness Autumn term	. . . . .	667
Total number of visitors " " "	. . . . .	477
" " " schools . . . . .		22
" " " teachers . . . . .		28

Cost per pupil for instruction, fuel and care of schoolhouse, based upon the average membership for the year:—

Waterville . . . . .	\$17 25
Green . . . . .	12 76
Nemasket . . . . .	10 14
Thomastown . . . . .	15 69
Thompsonville . . . . .	19 84
South Middleboro' . . . . .	12 31
France . . . . .	25 86
Highland . . . . .	11 41
Rock . . . . .	9 70
Fall Brook, . . . . .	8 93
Wappanucket, . . . . .	19 06
Neck, . . . . .	23 99
Purchase, . . . . .	12 76
Plymouth Street, . . . . .	17 57
Pleasant Street, . . . . .	14 93
Village, . . . . .	11 26
High, . . . . .	27 64

The attendance during the first three months of the Fall term was remarkably good ; during the last month the weather was very unfavorable for the younger children and there was a large

falling off in most of the schools. Ninety-five pupils have been neither absent nor tardy during the Fall term, and of this number thirty-five were members of the High school, eleven of the First Grammar, five of the Second Grammar, sixteen of the Intermediate, six of Primary No. 1, one of Primary No. 2, three of Primary No. 3, and Eddie Taylor, of Primary No. 4. Of the Highland school there were six : Fall Brook and Green, three each : Thompsonville, two : South Middleborough, Thomastown and Waterville, one each. At the Wappanucket school there was only one scholar who was marked tardy during the term. The list of those who have not been absent or tardy during the year is as follows :—

#### HIGH SCHOOL.

Carrie Alden,	Annie Brown.
Florence Deane,	Gertrude Holmes.
Florence Robinson.	Minnie Smith.
Lizzie Gruber.	Lillie Monroe.
Percival Thompson.	Virgil Thompson.
George Bump.	Eben Shaw.

#### FIRST GRAMMAR.

David Pierce,	Arthur Tripp.
Ida Harlow,	Luella Taylor.
Sadie Ryder.	Jennie Donaldson.

#### SECOND GRAMMAR.

Bertha Deane.	Julia Deane.
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#### INTERMEDIATE.

Bertie Tripp.	Etta Cushing.	Mattie Bennett.
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#### THOMASTOWN.

Bertha Thomas.
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#### HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School has varied in numbers very little during the year. During the Winter term the number belonging was seventy-three, and this number fell to seventy-one in the Spring term.

At the close of the term, the public exhibition usually given in the evening was dispensed with.

Ten young ladies and five young gentlemen were graduated.

The following is a list of the graduates :

FOUR YEARS' ENGLISH AND CLASSICAL.

Helen F. Thompson, Amelia C. Tinkham. Walter L. Beals,  
Melvin Thomas.

FOUR YEARS' CLASSICAL.

Herbert A. Blake.

FOUR YEARS' ENGLISH.

Annie H. Weston.

THREE YEARS' CLASSICAL.

A. Vincent Smith.

THREE YEARS' ENGLISH.

Cora H. Phinney, Mary H. Swift, Mary E. Sherman,  
Ida B. Shaw, Lillian B. Coombs, Lurana W. Thomas.  
Nellie M. Bennett, Henry Soule.

The class which entered at the beginning of the Fall term, numbered thirty, fifteen young ladies and fifteen young gentlemen. Twenty of these came from the Grammar School, three from the Rock, two each from Highland and South Middleboro. and one each from Thompsonville, Waterville and Plymouth Street.

It was next to an impossibility to find a corps of teachers, strangers to each other, and their work in a new place, to take up the work and carry it on in a manner satisfactory to all parties having pupils in attendance, or to the teachers themselves.

That there has been a conscientious effort made to keep up the high standard of the school, which it has had in former years, we cannot doubt.

At the close of the Fall term, from considerations of health,

Dr. Ober tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Committee.

A vacancy also having been made by the resignation of Miss Mary Emerson, a special effort was made to secure a teacher who could teach music, object-drawing, and gymnastics; three things in which our teaching force has been deficient. In the choice of Miss Mary Chase, we believe we have supplied this deficiency.

As soon as it was known that Dr. Ober had resigned, numerous applicants presented themselves for the position of Principal. From them all, Mr. A. K. Potter, Jr., was selected as the man most available to meet the requirements of the school. Educated in the public schools of Springfield, graduated from Brown University, with high honor, having studied methods for four months at the Bridgewater Normal School, and recommended most heartily by his teachers for his ability and character, we feel assured that no mistake has been made in securing his services.

It seems to me that the course of study might be made more effective by having continuous study in each branch until it is finished. By the present arrangement, some studies come three times a week and others two times.

If the same amount of time were put into consecutive weeks of the term, the interest in the work would be greater, and the results more satisfactory.

The study of music has been rendered more interesting by the introduction of Loomis' Progressive Glee and Chorus Book, but the school needs a teacher in this branch who can give regular drill. Ability on the part of the pupils is not lacking, and with proper training there could be singing in the High School of which the town might well be proud.

## VILLAGE SCHOOLS.

Nearly all of the Village Schools have been very full during the Fall term Grammar No. 1 has had more pupils than at any other time during the year, and the same is true of the Intermediate and Primary No. 1. In all the schools above the Primary there are two teachers for each school, but two grades in each. Primary No. 1, has just as many scholars as the sixth and seventh grades in the Grammar School. It was found to be too much for



one teacher to do justice to so many pupils, and Miss Lizzie M. Schouler wishing to fit herself for teaching, was secured, without pay, to render such assistance as she might be able, while getting the benefit of the training.

Miss Gurney has had one of the graduates of the High School, Miss L. W. Thomas, training with her during the term. For a few weeks past both the trainers have spent part of the time in the higher grades watching the methods pursued. By this means we hope to raise up from among our own number, those who will be familiar with our plans of teaching, and at the same time foster our home talent. It affords me peculiar pleasure to know that both of these young ladies have been considered by the Committee fitted for places in our schools, and have been invited to continue their work with us at Primary No. 1, and at the Neck.

So far as I have been able to determine, out of the fifteen schools in the several Districts without the village, only three have had the same teacher for the whole year. At the Neck, Thomastown, Rock, and Fall Brook, there has been a different teacher each term. With so many changes it is very difficult to show good results, and yet with the smallness of the pay, and the lonesomeness of some of the places to those who do not call them "home," we can hardly expect to keep our good teachers. Some of our very best teachers are now in these schools, and their faithfulness and perseverance in the face of many difficulties, are most praiseworthy. In no part of the town has the progress been so marked during the Fall months, as in these schools. Some of the new teachers found the inevitable results of so many changes of teachers in lack of interest, careless habits of study and neatness, whispering and general disorder, and they have brought the schools up to a higher standard, which has been noticeable at each succeeding visit. Nothing in my connection with the schools has given me so much pleasure to witness.

### STUDIES.

Almost the first thing that was noticed in this connection, was what was found in the report of the Agent of the State Board of Education, regarding the condition of the schools at the beginning of the year. Knowing that no man was better fitted than Mr. Martin, to give a just estimate of the weak points in the

Middleborough Schools, I felt that my best energies ought to be put forth in the written language work, and in Arithmetic, the two branches in which he considered our work the most faulty. Particular pains have been taken to visit the Quincy schools, and study the method pursued there, and in the schools of Canton, both of which rank very high in the matter of written work. A complete course in writing has been given out for the four Primary Grades, and the results will be watched with great eagerness. Already we have made progress. The children in the lowest Primary are at present capable of making a few letters remarkably well, for the time they have been in school, and can write their names in a very legible hand. We have not attained that remarkable uniformity in all our grades, which is so noticeable in other schools, and which comes only from all the teachers having one method, and each following it. We have tried to accomplish a few things, as a general exercise in language, such as being able to use the period, exclamation, and interrogation points correctly, and to write one's name, and postoffice address. These efforts have been crowned with most gratifying success, and where it was impossible to find more than three or four in any school in town who could do these five things correctly, we believe there are now schools in which all but a very few can do them correctly. This has been brought about by taking a few minutes of each day for the work, and continuing it day after day. The great difficulty in many of the schools is to find time for the multitude of things to be done. We have tried to do one thing at a time, well. Some of the schools have spent nearly all of the term in exercises upon practice paper, and have used books very little, but we feel sure that when the hand is properly trained, we shall have better execution and more rapid work when the copy books are used. In rare cases some study has been dropped for the day, and so more time has been gained for continuous work.

## ARITHMETIC.

In the village schools, it has been thought best to give all the Arithmetic to one teacher, where there were two in the same school, believing that two blessings would come from such a di-

vision of labor. Tastes differ, and that teacher can do the best work, who has the most liking for a particular branch. One prefers Arithmetic, another Geography and History, so that while one bends all his energies upon one or the other, he cannot fail to do better work. Mr. Arnold has taken all the Arithmetic for the eight and ninth grades, Miss Brett for the sixth and seventh, and Miss Richards for the fourth and fifth. Books for the study of Arithmetic have been supplied for the First Primary grade. While in no grade do we believe that a book should be used, and no other work to test the scholar's ability, as a help and guide it is indispensable to the average teacher. None of our teachers has the time or strength to select and arrange as well-graded work as can be found in any good Arithmetic, and the assistance in referring to any subject passed over, which may have been forgotten, is invaluable. The latter advantage seems to me to be the greatest loss which the present system of free text-books entails upon the pupils. We need more drill in mental work to gain a command of language in expressing the operations as they are performed. We hope to gain this success by beginning with those in the lowest grades, and continuing the work to the end of the course.

## MUSIC.

The work in music is very much hampered by the lack of books in all grades, excepting the High School. There are no charts, even, with the exception of the village schools, and one outside. The need has not been so urgent until the present, as the systematic study of music has been carried on for so short a time in the public schools of Middleborough, that most of the work was of such an elementary character, as not urgently to demand the use of books. The pupils are now so well advanced that they need written work, and more than can be put upon the blackboard, which at the same time is a great deal of extra work for the teacher. In many of the school-rooms the blackboards are not arranged so that all the pupils can easily see, and the strain upon the eyes ought not to be demanded. The study would be still more effective if the work in all the schools could be put into the charge of an experienced music teacher, but owing to the dis-

tance of many of the schools this may not be deemed expedient at present.

## GEOGRAPHY.

Excellent work has been done in geography, in modeling at the moulding board, and with outline maps drawn upon the slate and board. Various have been the devices to which many of the teachers have resorted to supply the lack of tables for work in moulding. There is still need of more tables, and the constant use to which they are put can be seen at any school-room where they have already been supplied. Wall-maps are needed in many of the schools. The supply in some is very fine, and in others there are none of any kind, or at the best are very old. Our country grows so rapidly that maps which were correct in the times of the fathers, are worse than useless now, from the false impressions which they give of the present boundaries and locations of places.

## DRAWING.

One needs but to examine the work upon the walls of the Committee Rooms to be convinced that a good start has been gained in Drawing. We find that some of the teachers who have not had special drill, find it difficult to teach object-drawing. The number, however, is comparatively small. We hope to make this as useful as any branch of study, and feel confident that at the end of another school year better results than ever will be shown.

Our schools are not getting the help from the Town Library which it seems to me they ought to get, especially in the study of History and English Literature. Certain privileges have been granted to the teachers in the High School which, I fear, have not been as fully appreciated as they ought. If these privileges were granted to the teachers in the lower grades, it seems to me that such a spirit of inquiry would be developed that the pupils would make such demands, that the teacher could not resist. The Trustees of the Public Library of Abington, make this exception in regard to the teachers. "One important exception as regards

privileges has been adopted in respect to the teachers of the public schools of the town, which grants and invites them to consult the shelves of the Public Library, freely, and to take away such, and as many books as they may desire to make use of in connection with their school work, without being limited, as citizens, to one volume at a time." The privilege of consulting the shelves has been to me personally, as a teacher, one of the greatest helps. One has to search to find out just what he wishes his pupils to find, and it is often necessary to give page and paragraph, which cannot be done without much looking at many books.

#### PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

By the Legislature of 1885, the following law was enacted:—

#### INSTRUCTION IN PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

[CHAP. 332, ACTS OF 1885.]

An Act requiring Physiology and Hygiene to be taught in the Public Schools.

BE IT ENACTED, ETC., AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Physiology and hygiene, which, in both divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money, except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art, and like studies. All acts or parts of acts relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this Act.

SECTION 2. All penalties now fixed for neglect to provide instruction in the branches of study now prescribed by law shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in Section 1.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on the first day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five. [APPROVED June 16th, 1885.]



According to the old law Physiology and Hygiene should be taught in all the public schools, provided the School Committee deemed it expedient. Now such instruction is compulsory. The language is very explicit that every pupil from the High School down to the lowest Primary, shall receive such instruction. We have so good an authority as the State Board of Education, who have expressed the opinion that oral instruction would be a compliance with the requirements of the statute.

Every school in town is supplied with two books bearing the date 1885, one containing four hundred fifteen pages devoted to Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, the other of one hundred fifty-seven pages of "Practical Work in the School Room," one quarter of which is devoted to Alcohol, Tobacco, Opium, and other narcotics. In the High School there is another book in the hands of the pupils. The question in which you are most interested is, whether or not the subject is taught, and use is made of the books you have provided. I have no hesitation in saying, in spite of remarks to the contrary which have come to my knowledge, that the teachers in Middleborough have been faithful in teaching this branch, not only in the letter, but in the spirit of the law. In the High School it is taught two times per week, and in the other grades once a week on an average. To some, this amount of time may seem out of proportion to the enormity of the evil of intemperance, but when it is remembered that there are many opportunities of doing, it seems to me, more lasting work by bringing in the subject naturally, in connection with the other branches of study, it will more readily appear that due prominence is given to the subject. That this is done by many of our teachers, my personal knowledge puts the fact beyond all question. That experiments with alcohol have been made before some of the lower grades, I know. That we intend to make this subject not only a means of intellectual culture, but also a help to right living, you may be fully assured.

## CONCLUSION.

With so many things to learn in the discharge of my duties as Superintendent in this place, some mistakes have been unavoida-



ble, but it has been my desire and firm purpose to carry out the known wishes of the Board, to the best of my ability, and my heartfelt thanks are extended to the Committee, teachers and pupils for their uniform kindness to me during these few months of our labors together.

EDWARD P. FITTS,

*Superintendent.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Dec. 31st, 1886.

## APPENDIX.

Number of Schools.	Term.	Teachers.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Wages per month.
2	1	Harriet E. Bartlett.	21	19	15	32 00
	2	"	20	17	16	32 00
	3	Mary B. Richards	23	18	14	32 00
3	1	Lura H. Pickering	27	24	21	32 00
	2	Mary E. Frink	28	26	23	34 00
	3	"	29	25	23	34 00
4	1	Lizzie M. Prescott	32	27	23	32 00
	2	Lura H. Pickering	34	32	27	32 00
	3	"	36	30	28	32 00
6	1	Mary A. Livingstone	13	11	8	30 00
	2	"	17	16	16	30 00
	3	Annie H. Weston	18	15	13	28 00
8	1	Rose M. Eastman	16	11	10	28 00
	2	A. B. Eldridge	18	17	16	28 00
	3	Irene S. Nightingale	20	19	16	30 00
10	1	Bertha I. Mason	25	24	21	32 00
	2	"	25	21	18	32 00
	3	Nellie F. Thomas	23	22	18	32 00
11	1	Emma F. Wentworth	9	8	7	28 00
	2	"	10	10	8	28 00
	3	"	10	9	8	28 00
12	1	Florence A. Kendall	26	24	21	25 60
	2	Rose M. Eastman	27	24	22	32 00
	3	"	27	26	24	32 00
13	1	Lucia F. Keith	27	24	22	32 00
	2	Carrie M. Hayward	32			32 00
	3	Jennie Bennett.	36	32	28	30 00
14	1	A. B. Eldridge	35	35	33	30 00
	2	Florence A. Kendall	40	39	36	32 00
	3	Geo. W. Dempsey	40	37	32	32 00
16	1	Annie B. Covell	17	15	14	30 00
	2	"	13	11	9	30 00
	3	Grace D. Beattie	21	19	17	30 00
17	1	Olivia S. Holmes.	15	14	12	30 00
	2	Nellie F. Thomas	12	11	9	30 00
	3	Annie M. Keith	12	11	9	30 00
18	1	Sarah L. Arnold	74	72	66	83 33
	2	"	65	62	60	83 33
	3	John P. Arnold	83	87	77	83 33
Union Street.	1	Lizzie J. Wilson				40 00
	2	"				40 00
	3	"				40 00
	1	Annie A. Lovell	70	69	63	40 00
	2	"	61	58	54	40 00
	3	"	60	59	56	40 00
	1	Abbie F. Brett				30 00
	2	"				30 00
	3	"				30 00
	3	"				30 00

Number of Schools.	Term.	Teachers.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Wages per month.
School Street.	1	Cora F. Ellis . . . . .	76	73	67	40 00
	2	Fannie W. Richards . . . . .	69	66	62	45 00
	3	" . . . . .	75	71	67	45 00
	1	Julia Mansfield . . . . .				28 00
	2	" . . . . .				28 00
	3	" . . . . .				28 00
	1	Fannie W. Richards . . . . .	50	49	45	40 00
	2	Helen A. Nevers . . . . .	64	53	48	40 00
	3	Lucy T. Haskell . . . . .	60	57	49	40 00
	1	Millie A. Rhodehouse . . . . .	53	50	44	40 00
Academy	2	" . . . . .	50	49	44	40 00
	3	" . . . . .	47	40	37	40 00
	1	Abbie A. Gurney . . . . .	34	32	29	40 00
	2	" . . . . .	44	41	38	40 00
	3	" . . . . .	41	38	34	45 00
	1	Carrie F. Sampson . . . . .				34 00
	2	" . . . . .	72	60	51	40 00
	3	Lillian F. Simmons . . . . .	53	40	33	36 00
	1	Lucia A. Drake . . . . .	21	19	15	32 00
	2	" . . . . .	29	26	20	32 00
19	3	" . . . . .	32	28	23	32 00
	1	May A. Allen . . . . .	23	22	21	30 00
	2	" . . . . .	16	16	14	30 00
	3	" . . . . .	15	15	13	32 00
	1	Susie H. Walker . . . . .	15	14	13	25 00
	2	" . . . . .	21	20	18	28 00
	3	Mary A. Livingstone . . . . .	25	22	19	32 00
	1	James H. Willoughby . . . . .	73	72	71	120 00
	2	" . . . . .	71	70	69	120 00
	3	Charles F. Ober. . . . .	76	75	74	120 00
High School	1	Philena N. Folger . . . . .				45 00
	2	" . . . . .				45 00
	3	Zilpha Chace . . . . .				45 00
	1	Dora Peirce . . . . .				30 00
	2	" . . . . .				30 00
	3	Mary Emerson . . . . .				40 00

Thirteenth Annual Report  
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JANUARY, 1887.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

*To the Trustees of the Public Library:*

The Library work for the year ending Jan. 1, 1887, is summed up as follows:

Whole number of volumes delivered, 20,176, the Library having been opened to the public 301 days from 4 to 8 o'clock, p. m. Largest monthly circulation, 2108, occurring February, 1886. On the 13th of the same month was also the largest daily circulation of the year,—206 volumes loaned. The smallest number given out in any day was 23, on the 7th of December.

Number of cards issued to date, 3,587; 297 having been made out in the year 1886.

Whole number of books belonging to the Library at the present time, 4,308, of which 104 are laid aside for rebinding, and 8 volumes have been discarded as unfit for use, but will be replaced by new ones. Number added during the year, 353. Number covered, numbered and labelled, 1,972.

The following books have been given to the Library during the year:—57 volumes by a committee of teachers having in charge the funds remaining from a sum collected to entertain a meeting of the Plymouth County Teachers' Association; several numbers of Harpers' and Arthur's Magazines, by Mrs. Sarah Simmons; Report of the Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore, Md., by the founder, Enoch Pratt; James Riley's Poems, by the author.

A. K. THATCHER,

Librarian.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand at last report . . . . .	\$370 27
Received from Town Treasurer, "dog money" . . . . .	534 78
Received from Town Treasurer, other licenses . . . . .	58 50
Received from fines . . . . .	47 30
Received from sale of catalogues . . . . .	2 75
Received from non-residents for use of Library . . . . .	4 00

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\$1017 60

Paid Librarian for services . . . . .	\$200 00
For assistance and substitutes . . . . .	14 25
For rebinding books . . . . .	20 20
Cash purchases of books . . . . .	23 50
John Shaw, for books . . . . .	66 68
Houghton & Mifflin, for books . . . . .	16 50
Estes & Lauriat, for books . . . . .	296 05
For N. A. Reviews, and freight, . . . . .	28 40
For paper for covering books . . . . .	17 29
For book labels, library cards, etc. . . . .	33 50
For postage, express, freight, etc. . . . .	4 02

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Balance on hand . . . . .	\$297 21
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Quite a number of books recently purchased have not at this writing been prepared for circulation and placed upon the shelves, and the shelves are already so crowded that it is with difficulty room is found to place the new books, without very much disarranging the proper classification. Having an opportunity to purchase the back numbers of the North American Review for nearly forty years, at what seemed to be a favorable price, the Library Committee thought best to secure them, and they will be properly arranged in the Library when there is a

place provided to put them. A large number of valuable documents pertaining to the last United States Census, and Massachusetts State Reports are also waiting for shelf room. If the books not yet catalogued and shelved are added to those already reported, the number of books belonging to the Library will amount to about 5000 volumes.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees,

JOSEPH E. BEALS,

Secretary and Treasurer.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, January, 1887.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1886-7.

WILLIAM R. PEIRCE, President,

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(VACANCY.)

Term expires 1889.



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1887.

Voted by the town for the Support of	
schools . . . . .	\$11,000 00
For incidental school expenses . . . . .	1,500 00
school book supply . . . . .	1,000 00
superintendent's salary . . . . .	1,000 00
support of poor . . . . .	4,750 00
“ insane . . . . .	1,300 00
repairs of highways . . . . .	5,000 00
new roads and special repairs . . . . .	3,500 00
building Webster Street . . . . .	150 00
town offices . . . . .	2,000 00
incidental expenses . . . . .	500 00
clearing highway of snow . . . . .	200 00
sprinkling streets . . . . .	200 00
lighting street lamps . . . . .	100 00
night watch . . . . .	730 00
military aid . . . . .	600 00
G. A. R., for Memorial Day . . . . .	150 00
town house committee . . . . .	600 00
interest . . . . .	600 00
road scraper . . . . .	250 00
sidewalks and concreting . . . . .	1,000 00
water pipe and hydrant on town lot . . . . .	475 00
water supply, to the Fire District . . . . .	1,500 00

water troughs and cranes . . . .	550 00
land for gravel, of N. W. Leonard . .	500 00
new Alms House . . . . .	8,000 00
new High School building, including land, grading and, furnishing . . . .	28,000 00

Total. \$75,000 00

Voted to be assessed by town . . . .	\$30,000 00
State tax . . . . .	2,210 00
County tax . . . . .	3,044 28
Overlaying . . . . .	1,619 46

Total assessed. \$36,713 74

Voted to authorize a permanent loan for \$40,000 00

## HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

### NORTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Amount.
No. 1,	Levi F. Tinkham . . . . .	\$976 51
" 2,	S. S. Lovell . . . . .	692 77
" 3,	J. G. Vaughan . . . . .	461 89
" 4,	T. J. Pratt . . . . .	295 68
" "	Edwin Holmes, (worked in 1885)	184 06
" 5,	I. E. Macomber . . . . .	62 45
" 6,	Chas. E. Pratt . . . . .	81 11
" 7,	Albert F. Reed . . . . .	123 73

\$2878 20

### EAST SECTION.

No. 1,	B. C. Shaw . . . . .	\$80 85
" 2,	W. C. Swift . . . . .	76 79
" 3,	A. H. Soule . . . . .	123 62
" 4,	H. E. Bryant . . . . .	68 74
" 5,	A. W. Smith . . . . .	60 09
" 6,	A. J. Wood . . . . .	85 33
" 7,	H. A. Thompson . . . . .	85 15

" 8, Arad Covington . . . . .	58 23
" 9, H. W. Snow . . . . .	100 76
" 10, Richard Carter . . . . .	113 15
" 11, Aaron Berry . . . . .	73 39
" 12, L. B. Pratt . . . . .	121 12

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\$1,047 22

## SOUTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyor.	Amount.
" 1, N. S. Cushing . . . . .		144 45
" 2, S. T. Weston . . . . .		103 25
" 3, John E. Smith . . . . .		199 67
" 4, John H. Ryder . . . . .		140 80
" 5, Jeremiah W. Reed . . . . .		142 07
" 6, Elnathan Sherman . . . . .		126 93
" 7, Tyler Peirce . . . . .		179 79
" 8, Lorenzo T. Miller . . . . .		135 09
" 9, Andrew A. Bisbee . . . . .		135 88
" 10, Joseph M. Robbins . . . . .		86 70
" 11, J. H. Thomas . . . . .		98 10
" 12, Arad Thomas . . . . .		150 15

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\$1,642 88

Total.

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\$5,568 20

## NEW ROADS AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

New Road at Reed's Crossing in  
South Middleborough.

Whole cost of road, \$797 75

Paid by O. C. Railroad, 531 83

" " town, . . . . . \$265 92

Wm. Downing, building Webster Street . 200 00

Galen Conant, building road over

Barden Hill, . . . . . 585 00

John H. Ryder, building road, part of

Highland Street . . . . . 270 30

L. T. Miller, repairs on Wareham Street . . . . .	152 45
L. F. Tinkham, repairs on Montello, Centre, and Main Streets . . . . .	395 45
Wm. B. Wood, on Grove, Main, etc. . . . .	241 11
L. E. Thomas, on Centre, and Oak Streets . . . . .	82 00
S. S. Lovell, on Everett Street . . . . .	60 00
George Shaw, on Everett Street . . . . .	7 10
S. S. Lovell, on Forest and Cambridge Streets . . . . .	370 90
S. S. Lovell, on Vine and Courtland Streets . . . . .	106 61
Frank E. Peirce, on Fall Brook Bridge . . . . .	83 42
A. C. Wood, on Alms Street . . . . .	50 00
Albert F. Reed, on Centre Street . . . . .	40 99
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for Lumber . . . . .	36 81
Wm. C. Swift, repairs on Tispaquin Street . . . . .	32 70
A. H. Soule, repairs on Brook Street . . . . .	16 48
H. W. Snow, repairs on Summer Street . . . . .	9 68
A. W. Smith . . . . .	10 25
J. W. Reed . . . . .	7 36
I. F. Atwood, repairs on Miller Street . . . . .	27 63
E. Sherman . . . . .	14 56
B. C. Shaw . . . . .	18 75
S. T. Weston . . . . .	3 25
Total.	<hr/> \$3,088 82

## FRESHET BILLS.

Paid to Augustus Pratt . . . . .	252 75
I. E. Macomber . . . . .	37 60
A. F. Reed . . . . .	23 51
J. K. & B. Sears & Co. . . . .	100 06
J. G. Vaughan . . . . .	83 35
A. Covington . . . . .	55 04
H. W. Snow . . . . .	34 02
S. W. Bump . . . . .	51 30
R. F. Thompson . . . . .	5 22
A. J. Wood . . . . .	17 59
Z. Sturtevant . . . . .	97 48

G. L. Barney . . . . .	3 00
H. A. Thompson . . . . .	8 02
Arad Thomas . . . . .	49 34
S. T. Weston . . . . .	12 85
Richard Carter . . . . .	5 40
B. F. Lane . . . . .	2 99
John Ryder . . . . .	4 05
A. T. Clark, jr. . . . .	3 98
V. V. Conant . . . . .	17 90
Willard Wood . . . . .	5 25
J. A. Shaw . . . . .	23 22
Abner Wood . . . . .	3 00
S. Mendall . . . . .	1 50
Aaron Berry . . . . .	8 40
L. F. Tinkham . . . . .	100 00

Total.

\$1,006 82

## SNOW BILLS.

Paid Wm. B. Wood . . . . .	\$119 28
L. E. Thomas . . . . .	44 40
J. G. Vaughan . . . . .	8 32
Edwin Holmes . . . . .	3 90
I. E. Macomber . . . . .	7 20
J. A. Shaw . . . . .	3 30
Albert F. Reed . . . . .	3 60
E. G. Shaw, . . . . .	10 34
J. H. Thomas . . . . .	7 90
Geo. S. Clark . . . . .	20 00
Arad Thomas . . . . .	12 63
S. T. Weston . . . . .	10 40
Abner Wood . . . . .	16 20
E. Sherman . . . . .	4 00
A. T. Clark, Jr. . . . .	8 25
E. A. Shaw . . . . .	10 34
N. B. Maxim . . . . .	11 95
H. E. Bryant . . . . .	9 20
A. W. Smith . . . . .	1 20

A. H. Soule . . . . .	6 15
V. Sturtevant . . . . .	80
A. Berry . . . . .	1 80
E. Morse . . . . .	2 40
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Total.	\$323 56

## SIDEWALKS.

Paid L. F. Tinkham . . . . .	\$105 55
W. B. Wood . . . . .	24 75
S. S. Lovell . . . . .	45 00
J. G. Vaughan . . . . .	25 00
Edwin Holmes . . . . .	32 92
T. J. Pratt . . . . .	59 00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber for Shovel Works' Walk . . . . .	27 44
James M. Alden, for culvert . . . . .	30 88
N. F. Ryder, setting Curbing and grav- elling on Miller Street . . . . .	75 00
I. F. Atwood, setting curbing on Miller Street . . . . .	12 35
G. C. Richards, setting curbing on Main and Centre Streets . . . . .	44 50
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Total.	\$482 39

## CONCRETING.

Paid Shiverick & Thomas, for Concreting walks and street crossings . . . . .	639 37
Received from abutting owners . . . . .	217 38
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	421 99
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Total.	\$904 38

## SPRINKLING STREETS.

Paid L. E. Thomas, for Sprinkling Streets . . . . .	200 00
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## NIGHT WATCH.

Paid A. Baker, Night Watch . . . . .	730 00
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## LIGHTING STREET LAMPS.

Paid A. Baker, Lighting Street Lamps . . . . .	84 00
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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

J. A. Burgess, on account of Board of Health . . . . .	63 33
L. F. Tinkham, on account of Board of Health . . . . .	51 50
L. M. Alden, on account of Board of Health . . . . .	13 23
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., on account of Board of Health . . . . .	16 37
A. G. Hayes, on account of Board of Health . . . . .	5 00
S. Mendall, on account of Board of Health . . . . .	8 75
A. C. Wood, on account of Board of Health . . . . .	3 00
Total.	<hr/> \$161 18

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. T. Thatcher, treasurer and collector . . . . .	\$550 00
C. T. Thatcher, clerk attending Town Meeting . . . . .	11 25
	\$561 25
Joseph T. Wood, selectman and assessor . . . . .	319 75
Albert T. Savery, selectman and assessor . . . . .	173 00
Sylvanus Mendall, selectman and assessor . . . . .	265 00
	757 75

A. C. Wood, overseer of poor . . .	179 50	
Sylvanus Mendall, overseer of poor . . .	78 65	
C. T. Thatcher, overseer of poor . . .	15 00	
		273 15
Mrs. A. V. Wood, school committee . . .	30 00	
		30 00
James Cole, constable . . . . .	28 50	
S. Mendall " . . . . .	39 40	
L. M. Alden " . . . . .	18 60	
" " special police, and cash paid . . . . .	30 00	
S. Mendall, special police and cash paid . . . . .	39 40	
J. A. Burgess, special police . . . . .	5 00	
" " truant officer . . . . .	15 00	
L. M. Alden, " " . . . . .	10 75	
		186 65
N. King, services as moderator . . . . .	15 00	15 00
" " " registrar of voters . . . . .	17 50	
T. C. Collins, services as registrar of voters . . . . .	17 50	
C. T. Thatcher, services as registrar of voters . . . . .	17 50	
C. H. Turner, services as registrar of voters . . . . .	2 25	
C. H. Carpenter, services as registrar of voters . . . . .	15 00	
		69 75
Wm. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up . . . . .	10 00	10 00
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		\$1.903 55

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid James M. Coombs, for printing . . .	\$112 00
H. H. Sylvester, " . . . .	48 50
W. W. Wood, " . . . .	46 00

H. L. Thatcher, for printing stationery	13 67
“ “ town report	127 00
“ “ tax books .	26 50
J. & G. E. Doane, for hardware, etc. .	82 96
T. W. Peirce, “ “ “ .	58 35
Lorenzo Tinkham, for bulletin board .	2 25
“ “ repairing draws .	1 25
Dura T. Weston, for serving as Fire Ward, and money paid . . . .	62 10
Walter Richards, for fighting fire .	11 20
Percy M. Blake, for running town lines . . . . .	64 00
E. Worthington, for running town lines	10 00
S. Mendall, for running town lines	18 75
A. H. Soule, for running town lines .	50
A. T. Savery, for running town lines .	1 25
C. T. Thatcher, for returning births .	53 35
Geo. Soule, for returning deaths . .	21 25
J. G. Vaughan, on bridges, etc. . .	15 00
LeBaron's Foundry, for castings, etc. .	42 88
French & Co., for road machine irons .	19 00
C. H. Paine, for levelling streets . .	14 00
John Shaw, for stationery . . . .	5 99
E. Robinson, in the action of George H. Hazletine vs. Town of Middleborough, for services and cash paid . . . .	87 02
Cash paid for cost to Hosea Kingman in settlement of said action . . .	90 00
S. Mendall, witness fees, etc. . . .	14 25
J. T. Wood, witness fees, etc. . . .	6 10
J. A. Shaw, witness fees, etc. . . .	10 60
J. F. Alden, witness fees, etc. . . .	10 60
A. Pratt, witness fees, etc. . . . .	1 50
1,068 82	
T. W. Peirce, for Road Machine . .	250 00
G. A. R., for Memorial Day . . .	150 00
Middleborough Fire District, for water pipes and hydrant on Town House Lot . . . . .	475 00

Middleborough Fire District for		
Water Supply . . . . .	1,500	00
Domestic Plumbing Co., for three		
Water Cranes . . . . .	113	41
Domestic Plumbing Co., for pipes		
labor, etc., for four watering		
troughs . . . . .	135	30
Geo. C. Richards, for three water-		
ing troughs, and setting four, in-		
cluding the one at Star Mills . .	277	99
L. F. Tinkham, for labor. . . .	4	62
		531 32
N. W. Leonard, for land for gravel .	500	00
Lewis Eaton, for gravel . . . .	15	00
Mrs. Adnah Jackson, for gravel . .	16	00
George Bennett, for gravel . . . .	7	56
Edwin Holmes, for gravel . . . .	7	90
J. M. Leonard, for gravel . . . .	16	00
		62 46

## TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Paid to Domestic Plumbing Company for		
pipes, etc., at Town House . . . .	106	95
Washburn & Parker, for coal . . . .	211	00
H. A. Sparrow, bill for painting Hall	49	75
N. D. Wilbur, for gas . . . . .	243	81
G. R. Sampson, for brick . . . . .	4	80
S. Harlow, bill for sundries . . . .	2	00
Wm. B. Wood, Janitor Services . . .	546	46
Wm. B. Wood, bill for sundries . . .	78	46
		\$1,243 27
Received for rents . . . . .	640	00
Town appropriation . . . . .	600	00
		\$1240 00

## CENTRE STREET SEWER.

Paid P. M. Blake, for survey and plan for outlet to Sewer . . . . .	\$29 40
Received for entering Sewer . . . . .	205 00

## FISH ACCOUNT.

Received from towns on Taunton River, for inspection at East Taunton . . . . .	130 00	
for sale of Fish . . . . .	139 05	
		\$269 05
Paid J. A. Burgess for inspection at East Taunton . . . . .	130 00	
S. Mendall, services as Fish Warden	13 00	
G. E. H. Lovell, services as Fish Warden . . . . .	13 00	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber . . . . .	1 95	
E. A. Harlow, Fish Warden (in 1885)	5 00	
J. H. Waterman . . . . .	3 00	
		165 95
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		\$103 10
Balance of Receipts . . . . .	103 10	
Middleborough's proportion, estimated . . . . .	86 05	
Lakeville's proportion, estimated . . . . .	17 05	

# RECAPITULATION.

## APPROPRIATED FOR

		Unexpended.	Overdrawn in 1885.	Total.	Expended.	Overdrawn.	Unexpended.
Highway Repairs . . . . .	\$5,000	\$ 49 50		\$5,049 50	\$5,630 66	\$581 16	
New-roads, special repairs, and fresher bills . . .	3,650	148 08		3,798 08	4,095 64	297 56	
Snow bills . . . . .	200	182 87		382 87	323 56		\$59 31
Sidewalks . . . . .	1,000	335 99		1,335 99	904 38		431 61
Sprinkling Streets . . . . .	200			200 00	200 00		
Night watch . . . . .	750			730 00	730 00		
Lighting street lamps . . . . .	160	20 00		120 00	84 00		36 00
Military aid . . . . .	600		34 50	565 50	598 50	33 00	
Board of Health . . . . .		138 63		138 63	161 18	22 55	
Town Officers and Incidentals . . . . .	2,500	241 65		2,741 65	2 972 37	230 72	
Road Scraper . . . . .	250			250 00	250 00		
Grand Army of the Republic, for Memorial Day .	150			150 00	150 00		
Hydrant and Pipes, at Town Lot . . . . .	475			475 00	475 00		
Water Supply . . . . .	1,500			1,500 00	1,500 00		
Land for Gravel . . . . .	500			500 00	500 00		
Town House Committee . . . . .	600						
Received from Rents, etc. . . . .	640		72 86	1,167 14	1,243 47	76 33	
Sewer Act, Received . . . . .	205	241 65		446 65	29 40		417 25
Cranes and Troughs . . . . .	550			550 00	531 32		18 68
Total . . . . .	\$18,850	\$1,358 37	\$107 36	\$20,101 01	\$20,379 48	\$1,241 32	\$962 85



## ESTIMATE FOR A TAX.

For Support of Schools . . . . .	\$11,000
Incidental School Expenses . . . . .	1,500
School Books . . . . .	1,000
Superintendent's Salary . . . . .	1,000
Support of Poor . . . . .	4,750
Support of Insane . . . . .	1,300
Repairs of Highways . . . . .	5,000
New Roads and Special Repairs . . . . .	2,000
Town Officers . . . . .	2,000
Incidental Expenses . . . . .	700
Clearing Highways of Snow . . . . .	500
Sprinkling Streets . . . . .	200
Night Watch . . . . .	730
Lighting Street Lamps . . . . .	100
Military Aid . . . . .	600
G. A. R. for Memorial Day . . . . .	150
Town House Committee . . . . .	600
Water Supply, to Fire District . . . . .	1,500
Town Debt . . . . .	5,000
Interest . . . . .	1,000
Board of Health . . . . .	200
Side Walks . . . . .	500
Extra Appropriation after tax was voted	1,800
	\$43,130
Less Corporation Tax . . . . .	4,900
	<hr/> \$38,330

## ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

1882	8499	Polls . . . . .	1881	1,572	1566
41123		Personal Valuation	466378	\$447,077	447,180
107130		Real . . . . .	2191640	2,251,295	225758
2658855		Total		\$2,698,372	2723,930

Number of Horses taxed . . . . .	786
Cows taxed . . . . .	743
Sheep taxed . . . . .	30
Neat Cattle, other than Cows . . . . .	305
Swine taxed . . . . .	83
Houses taxed . . . . .	1,112½
Acres taxed . . . . .	38,405
Resident Tax Payers. . . . .	1,865
Persons paying a tax on Property . . . . .	1,145
Persons paying only a Poll Tax . . . . .	720

Valuation of Buildings, exclusive of land . . . . .	\$1,235,890
Land, exclusive of buildings . . . . .	1,015,405

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

## ASSETS.

Cash on Hand . . . . .	\$5,284 10
Due on taxes . . . . .	7,496 29
From State, for Military Aid . . . . .	593 50
.. for State Aid . . . . .	1,677 25
	\$15,051 14

## LIABILITIES.

Balance due on Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank, July 9th, 1873, at 5 per cent. interest . . . . .	\$1,000
Balance due on Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank, Sept. 16th, 1873, at 5 per cent interest . . . . .	500
Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank, Aug. 13, 1880, at 5 per cent. int. . . . .	1,600

Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank, June 15, 1885, at 5 per cent. int.	3,000
Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank June 27, 1885, at 5 per cent. int.	1,000
Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank Aug. 1, 1885, at 5 per cent. int.	1,000
Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank Aug. 5, 1885, at 5 per cent. int.	1,000
Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank Sept. 1, 1885, at 5 per cent. int.	500
Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank June 26, 1886, at 4 per cent. int. Payable in one year. . . . .	1,800
Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank Dec. 1, 1886, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. int. Payable in one year . . . . .	5,000
Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank Dec. 1, 1886, at $3\frac{5}{4}$ per cent. int. Payable in two years . . . . .	5,000
Note given Middleboro' Savings Bank Dec. 1, 1886, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. int. Payable in three years . . . . .	5,000
	\$26,400 00
Due Town Officers and other demands, (estimated,) (excepting High School and Alms House bills) . . . . .	500
Probable loss on taxes . . . . .	500
Interest, about . . . . .	150
Total	\$27,550 00
Balance of Liabilities.	\$12,498 86

## LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year :—

William F. Atwood.  
 Harrison W. Atwood.  
 F. Austin G. Atwood.  
 Jared F. Alden.  
 John S. Benson.  
 Elisha T. Benson.  
 Howard M. Bishop.  
 Joseph E. Beals.  
 Samuel S. Bourne.  
 George F. Bryant.  
 Nathaniel S. Cushing.  
 Matthew H. Cushing.  
 Thomas C. Collins.  
 Abisha T. Clark, jr.  
 Amos D. Clark.  
 Charles F. Cornish.  
 Edward Bryant.  
 Fred P. Chase.  
 Orrin E. Deane.  
 Ezra C. Earle.  
 George A. Earle.  
 George T. M. Gammons.  
 Francis B. Gibbs.  
 Foster A. Harlow.  
 Eugene P. LeBaron.  
 Thomas J. LeBaron.  
 Everett T. Lincoln.  
 James L. Jenney.  
 Nathan B. Maxim.  
 Isaac E. Macomber.  
 Lorenzo T. Miller.  
 Andrew W. Miller.  
 Ebenezer Pickens.

Edward F. Wood.  
 Augustus Pratt.  
 Herbert A. Pratt.  
 Isaac E. Perkins.  
 Albert T. Savery.  
 Elnathan Sherman.  
 Warren H. Southworth.  
 George L. Soule.  
 Augustus H. Soule.  
 Josiah C. Shaw.  
 Ebenezer A. Shaw.  
 Philander W. Thompson.  
 Alvin P. Vaughan.  
 Henry A. Thompson.  
 Albert J. Wood.  
 Warren Wood.  
 William B. Wood.  
 George E. Wood.  
 Kenelm Winslow.  
 Albert W. Smith.  
 Henry W. Sears.  
 David S. Surrey.  
 Thomas S. Phinney.  
 Homer R. Caswell.  
 Benjamin C. Baker.  
 Charles M. Leonard.  
 Israel H. Denham.  
 Clarence L. Hatheway.  
 George A. Cox.  
 James M. Sampson.  
 Nathan Washburn.  
 Ezra S. Leonard.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	}	Selectmen of Middleborough.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		
SYLVANUS MENDALL.		

# Report of the Overseers of the Poor

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1886.

Net amount of money drawn from the town  
treasury

\$4,339 20

Received as follows, viz., from

City of Fall River . . . . .	\$93 50
City of Taunton . . . . .	62 67
Town of Plympton . . . . .	11 62
“ Wareham . . . . .	49 30
“ Plymouth . . . . .	11 25
“ Lakeville . . . . .	8 95
“ Falmouth . . . . .	21 00
“ Freetown . . . . .	6 00
“ East Bridgewater . . . . .	2 00
John Raymond's Estate . . . . .	15 61
On account of State Aid . . . . .	72 00
State Treasurer for State Paupers . . . . .	1 05

354 95

Produce from the farm sold . . . . .

153 40

\$4,847 55

Paid out as follows, viz. :—

For support of paupers in the Alms House \$1,117 02

## OUT OF ALMS HOUSE.

Paid Mrs. Allen Pratt . . . . .	64 00
“ Andrew B. Perry . . . . .	132 50
“ Jas. E. Richmond . . . . .	65 50
“ Chas. Murray . . . . .	132 50
“ Stillman B. Morse . . . . .	25 60
“ Thomas Perkins . . . . .	2 00
“ Caroline M. Packard . . . . .	78 00
“ Lydia Loomis . . . . .	22 05
“ Nellie Weeks . . . . .	40 74

Paid Mrs. Harriet McLaughlin . . . .	40 60
“ Phebe Wood . . . .	11 25
Sally C. Benson . . . .	53 00
Rachel W. Thomas . . . .	55 00
Betsey C. Cobb . . . .	50 00
David Shurtleff . . . .	2 00
Emerson P. Morse . . . .	24 00
Samuel B. Maxim . . . .	45 00
Israel Wood . . . .	23 30
James Elliot . . . .	27 40
Benjamin A. Haskins . . . .	11 60
Nathaniel Shurtleff . . . .	88 00
Milton Reed . . . .	58 50
Clark Shurtleff . . . .	51 50
Ansel Churchill . . . .	67 12
Andrew Leonard . . . .	15 49
Sylvester family, from Maine . . . .	2 13

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\$1.194 18

Paid City of New Bedford for aid furnished	
Mrs. Mary Lawrence . . . .	\$24 80
City of New Bedford for aid furnished	
Nancy Standish . . . .	105 00
City of New Bedford for aid furnished	
Adam Laspe . . . .	9 00
City of Boston for aid furnished Hannah	
Madden . . . .	10 50
City of Lawrence for aid furnished Lydia	
Jones . . . .	48 00
City of Brockton for aid furnished Gilbert	
Lyon . . . .	4 75
Town of Stoughton for aid furnished Geo.	
E. Young . . . .	25 17
Town of Wareham for aid furnished	
Phineas Haskins . . . .	113 00
Samuel F. Haskins . . . .	2 00
Town of Sandwich for aid furnished	
Henry H. P. Lovell . . . .	53 55



Town of Westport for aid furnished	
Rosalie A. Thyng . . . . .	52 00
Town of Marion for aid furnished Seth	
W. Glasse . . . . .	207 81
Town of Yarmouth for aid furnished Mrs.	
Isaac Simmons . . . . .	3 87
Town of Attleboro for aid furnished Elijah	
Caswell . . . . .	60 00
Town Plymouth for aid furnished Mrs.	
Phebe Wood . . . . .	94 00
Town of Mattapoisett for aid furnished	
Angelina Barrows . . . . .	16 20
	\$829 65

## In Taunton Lunatic Hospital :—

Paid for Mrs. Emma K. Glancy. . . . .	109 33
Thomas J. Shaw . . . . .	137 38
Patrick Murphy . . . . .	142 90
William H. Cushman . . . . .	127 80
Michael Toole . . . . .	62 68
	\$580 09

## In Northampton Lunatic Hospital :—

Paid for Joanna O'Keefe . . . . .	173 32
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## In State Reform School :—

Paid for William L. White . . . . .	26 00
Mrs. Knowlton for Mrs. Lucy A. King	26 46

Paid aid furnished those having settlements in  
other places :—

George W. Brackett, Lynn . . . . .	10 35
Ephriam E. Wilbur, Taunton . . . . .	96 00
Lewis Field, Taunton . . . . .	8 00
Mrs. Hiram Hatch, Taunton . . . . .	80 00
.. Hiram Bryant, Plymouth . . . . .	7 50
Edwin R. Braley, Lakeville . . . . .	19 63
Emma Taber, Rochester . . . . .	1 00
Tamer B. Willis, Hanson . . . . .	66 50
Alden Darling, East Bridgewater . . . . .	2 00

290 98

Paid Chas. C. Tinkham for moving buildings	48 00	
A. C. Wood for expense out of town on account of paupers,	11 85	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, for professional ser- vices, one year,	50 00	
E. S. Lovell and wife, for service for one year,	500 00	
	<hr/>	609 85
		\$4.847 55

Whole number in the almshouse during the year.	228	
Transient, . . . . .	201	
Remaining the whole time, . . . . .	15	
Present number, . . . . .	18	
Number of weeks for one person, . . . . .	829	
Transient, . . . . .	29	
Average number, . . . . .	17	
Average expense per week, excluding salaries and interest on the farm, . . . . .	\$1 35	
Average expense per week, including salaries, interest on the farm, . . . . .	\$2 01	
Amount of real estate Jan. 1, 1887,	\$8,070 00	
Amount of personal estate Jan. 1, 1887,	1,986 53	
	<hr/>	\$10,056 53
Amount of real estate Jan. 1, 1886,	\$4,090 00	
Amount of personal estate Jan. 1, 1886,	2,212 08	
	<hr/>	\$6,302 08
Increase over last year, . . . . .		\$3,754 45

## INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE.

Farm 90 acres, with buildings . . . . .	\$7,000 00
Thompson wood lot, 9 acres . . . . .	240 00
Macomber wood lot, 22 acres . . . . .	400 00
Haskins wood lot, 10 acres . . . . .	80 00
Woods wood lot, 4 acres . . . . .	350 00
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	\$8,070 00

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

13 tons English hay, at \$18 per ton . . .	\$234 00
1 ton rye straw . . . . .	10 00
2 tons mowed oats, at \$15 a ton . . .	30 00
1 ton corn fodder . . . . .	10 00
65 bushels corn at 60 cents . . . . .	39 00
21 " rye, at 80 cents . . . . .	16 80
6 " meal . . . . .	3 50
3 " beans . . . . .	7 50
75 " potatoes . . . . .	35 00
40 " turnips . . . . .	12 00
163 lbs shorts, \$1.63; 800 lbs. pork, \$80.	81 63
50 " lard, \$4.50; 45 lbs butter, 15.75	20 25
20 " dried apples, \$1.40; 74 lbs. hams, \$8.88 . . . . .	10 28
4 hogs, \$60.; 5 cows, \$200; 8 Pigs, \$32	292 00
Horse, \$75; 50 hens, \$25; 1 ton coal, \$7	107 00
Ox cart, \$35; ox wagon, \$30, sleigh \$5	70 00
Horse cart, \$6; ex. wagon, \$45 . . .	51 00
Harnesses, \$30; covered wagon, \$50 .	80 00
Corn planter, \$3; farm wagon, \$35 . .	38 00
Thomas harrow, \$9; grindstone, \$5 . .	14 00
2 wheel barrows, \$5; roller, \$20 . . .	25 00
Farming tools. \$40; wood saws and axes, \$2.50 . . . . .	42 50
Pumpkins, \$2; seed planter, \$2.50 . .	4 50
12½ cords dressing . . . . .	100 00
1¼ M shingles, . . . . .	6 00
6 cords wood in woodhouse . . . . .	24 00
10 cords of wood in woods . . . . .	30 00
Lumber, \$10; iron feed-boxes, \$2 . . .	12 00
4 bag, .80; feed-sacks, .50 . . . . .	1 30
Lime, .20; pop corn, \$3 . . . . .	3 20
Disinfectant and bellows . . . . .	2 75
Wolf robe \$7; gun, \$3; brass pump, \$6	16 00
Ice chest, \$9; six silver spoons, \$5 . .	14 00
Carpet, \$6; shirting, \$3 . . . . .	9 00
Beds, bedding and bedsteads . . . .	300 00
40 yards sheeting . . . . .	4 50

7 yards ticking . . . . .	1 05
Clothing, \$15; bread machine \$3.25 . . . . .	18 25
5½ yards oil cloth . . . . .	2 62
Tables, stoves and furniture . . . . .	175 00
Barrel flour, \$6; barrel crackers, \$2.25 . . . . .	8 25
Tea, \$2; sugar, \$1; cabbage, \$2 . . . . .	5 00
Soap, \$1; molasses, \$1; oil .50 . . . . .	2 50
Medicine, \$2; coffee, \$1.25 . . . . .	3 25
Paints and oil, 2; salt, .40, fish, \$1 . . . . .	3 40
Apples, \$1; spices, \$1; Beets, \$1 . . . . .	3 00
Cranberries, \$1; bracket lamp, \$1 . . . . .	2 00
Insect Powder, .50; barrels, \$5 . . . . .	5 50

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\$1.986 53

#### AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

Corn . . . . .	170 bushels.
Potatoes . . . . .	130 "
Turnips . . . . .	52 "
Beets . . . . .	3 "
Onions . . . . .	2 "
Beans . . . . .	5 "
Rye . . . . .	21 "
Cranberries . . . . .	1 bushel.
Peas . . . . .	10 bushels.
Hay . . . . .	12 tons.
Mowed oats . . . . .	2½ "
Mowed rye . . . . .	1 ton.
Corn fodder . . . . .	2 tons.
Pumpkins and squashes . . . . .	½ ton.
Straw . . . . .	1 "
Pork . . . . .	1,300 pounds.
Beef . . . . .	450 "
Veal . . . . .	350 "
Chickens . . . . .	50 "
Butter . . . . .	221 "
Lard . . . . .	90 "
Apples . . . . .	25 barrels.
Pigs . . . . .	14

Cabbage	.	.	.	.	.	50 heads.
Eggs	.	.	.	.	.	289½ doz.
Milk	.	.	.	.	.	1,614½ gals.

The Almshouse still continues in charge of Mr. and Mrs Edward S. Lovell, who have held that position for several years, to the satisfaction of the Overseers, and we trust to the satisfaction of the inmates.

Their labors during the past few months have been more than usual, owing to the building of the new Almshouse.

In the Report of 1885 the Overseers of the Poor called the attention of the citizens of the town to the condition of the Almshouse, and by vote of the town the Overseers were chosen a committee to procure plans, etc., for a new building, and present them at the next annual meeting, in March, which they did, and the town voted to build a new Almshouse, at a cost not exceeding \$8,000, with the Overseers of the Poor as a building committee, and your committee have attended to that duty, and have a building nearly completed, which we think and trust will be satisfactory.

We regret very much (at the making of this report) that it is not entirely completed and the bills all paid, so we could have given you the entire cost.

ANDREW C. WOOD,	}	<i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>
SYLVANUS MENDALL,		
CHARLES T. THATCHER,		

Since the above report was made the new Almshouse has been completed, and is now occupied.

Bills have been paid amounting to	.	.	.	\$5,152 31
Unpaid bills amounting to	.	.	.	1,674 65
Whole cost of the building	.	.	.	\$6,826 96
Balance of appropriation unexpended	.	.	.	1,173 04

C. T. THATCHER.

*One of the Overseers of the Poor.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 15th, 1887.

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER,

ENDING DEC. 31, 1886.

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Cash received as follows:—

On hand as per last year's report . . . . .	6,204 84
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax . . . . .	3,652 45
State treasurer, for bank tax . . . . .	1,306 04
State treasurer, for school fund . . . . .	195 97
State treasurer, for state aid . . . . .	2,330 75
County treasurer, for dog licences for 1885 . . . . .	534 78
Middleboro' Savings Bank . . . . .	34,300 00
New England Trust Co., for interest allowed on deposits . . . . .	78 76
Overseers of the Poor . . . . .	354 95
A. W. Kelley, balance note and inter- est . . . . .	105 00
Circus license . . . . .	25 00
Edward C. Reed, for pedler's license . . . . .	11 00
Harvey C. Thomas, for pedler's license . . . . .	11 00
Levi O. Atwood, for pedler's license . . . . .	11 00
Corrindo Winsor, for pedler's license . . . . .	50
Old Colony railroad company, towards building road at Reed Farm . . . . .	531 82
Town of Lakeville, for supplies . . . . .	16 62
Town of Rochester, for tuition . . . . .	10 00
Capt. John H. Paun, for tuition . . . . .	26 00
S. S. Stetson, for tuition . . . . .	40 00
Elbridge Cushman, for tuition . . . . .	20 00
Henry C. Pickens, for tuition . . . . .	18 00
W. H. Marshall, for tuition . . . . .	10 00



Dr. Ellis, from books sold . . . . .	8 00
One town map sold . . . . .	25
Abiel Wood's estate, for concreting	33 39
George T. Putnam, for concreting	9 66
G. L. Thayer, for concreting . . . . .	12 41
Freelove Rounseville's estate, for concreting . . . . .	14 66
Isaiah Swift, for concreting . . . . .	13 96
P. Washburn's estate, for concreting	32 22
Leonard & Barrows, for concreting	31 00
Mrs. George B. Washburn, for concreting . . . . .	16 33
Albert Alden, for concreting . . . . .	47 00
Charles C. Tinkham, for concreting	6 75
C. M. Wilde, for use of sewer, . . . . .	25 00
Lewis Lincoln for use of sewer . . . . .	15 00
B. D. W. Bartlett, for use of sewer	15 00
N. W. & J. M. Leonard, for use of sewer . . . . .	30 00
L. P. Thatcher, for use of sewer	25 00
Leonard & Barrows, for use of sewer	50 00
Otis Briggs, for use of sewer . . . . .	15 00
J. H. Cushing, for use of sewer . . . . .	15 00
M. H. Cushing, for use of sewer . . . . .	15 00
Joseph T. Wood, for herrings and interest . . . . .	139 05
From the following cities and towns on account of fish :—	
Taunton, \$30; Fall River, \$10; Dighton, \$20; Freetown, \$10; Raynham, \$20; Somerset, \$20; Berkley, \$20. }	130 00
Collector of Taxes . . . . .	\$50,494 16
	35,900 99
	<hr/> \$86,395 15
CR.	
Paid Selectmen's orders . . . . .	\$18,110 22

Paid School Committee's orders . . .	14,827	13
Town House Committee's orders . . .	736	73
Board of Health orders . . . . .	145	42
Overseers of Poor orders . . . . .	4,694	15
Building Committee of New School- house orders . . . . .	9,777	41
Building Committee of Almshouse orders . . . . .	3,882	94
Notes and interest . . . . .	18,414	50
State Aid, Chap. 301 . . . . .	1,677	25
Military Aid, Chap. 252 . . . . .	1,187	00
State Treasurer, for State Tax . . .	2,475	00
County Treasurer, for county tax . .	3,044	28
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, dog licences for 1885 . . . . .	534	78
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, other license money . . . . .	58	50
N. Y. & B. D. Ex. Co.'s bill . . . .	7	95
L. M. Alden, for G. A. R. . . . .	150	00
Fairbanks, Brown & Co., for set of weights . . . . .	10	84
Middleborough Fire District, for pipe, gates, and hydrants, from Main to Union Street . . . . .	475	00
Middleborough Fire District, for water to July 1st, 1886 . . . . .	750	00
Envelopes, stamps, pens, pencils, postal cards, P. O. Box rent, etc. .	34	95
For killing 117 hawks . . . . .	117	00
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	\$81,111	05
Cash on hand . . . . .	5,284	10
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	\$86,395	15

C. T. THATCHER.

*Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

Taxes unpaid for 1881, as per last report	82 44
Taxes unpaid for 1882, as per last report	245 95
Taxes unpaid for 1883, as per last report	722 44
Taxes unpaid for 1884, as per last report	1,939 43
Taxes unpaid for 1885, as per last report	4,371 05
Taxes committed in 1886, . . . .	36,910 78
Interest and summons received . . . .	309 21
	<hr/> \$44,581 30

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Taxes remaining unpaid for 1881 . . . .	67 14
Taxes remaining unpaid for 1882 . . . .	164 07
Taxes remaining unpaid for 1883 . . . .	244 68
Taxes remaining unpaid for 1884 . . . .	594 53
Taxes remaining unpaid for 1885 . . . .	1,791 80
Taxes remaining unpaid for 1886 . . . .	4,634 07
Assessors's orders . . . . .	1,184 02
Cash paid Town Treasurer . . . . .	35,900 99
	<hr/> \$44,581 30

C. T. THATCHER,

*Collector.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 2, 1887.

The undersigned committee chosen by the town to settle with its Treasurer and Collector, hereby certify that they have attended to their duty and find the accounts correct and properly vouched for the year ending Dec. 31, 1886.

JAMES H. HARLOW.  
GEORGE BRAYTON.

## STATE AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending  
Dec. 31, 1886.

Bumpus, Marcus,	\$27 00	McMann, James E.,	14 25
Bliss, Alphonzo,	54 00	Norveill, Mrs. Susan,	38 00
Crosby, Asa F.	72 00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista,	48 00
Dorr, Amos L.	72 00	Phillips, Calvin T.,	48 00
Drake, Samuel W.	13 50	Smith, Christopher C.,	16 00
Fagan, Peter,	75 00	Scanlan, John,	72 00
Gammons, Thomas G.,	40 50	Shaw, Wm. B.,	57 00
Gibbs, Stephen S.,	21 00	Shaw, Wm. N.,	72 00
Goldsboro John F.,	20 00	Shaw, Geo. H., 2d,	12 00
Glancy, Bernard,	68 00	Sherman, Mrs. Eliza B.,	48 00
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta,	48 00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.,	20 00
Hathaway, Mrs. Laura A.	20 00	Tinkham, Mrs. Sarah A.,	48 00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.,	48 00	Thomas, Solomon,	48 00
Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth,	48 00	Westgate, Edward S.,	36 00
Haskins, Harrison,	54 00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.,	48 00
Jefferson, Martin F.,	36 00	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha	
Jennings, Mrs. Harriet,		W.,	48 00
E.,	48 00	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey	
Knowland, John B.,	48 00	D.,	48 00
Lane, Benjamin F.,	21 00	Williams, Mrs. Marcia, C.,	8 00
Mellen, Charles C.,	54 00	Pope, Henry F.,	12 00
Morse, Ezra,	18 00		
Morse, Artemas,	30 00		
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			\$1,677 25

## MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending  
Dec. 31, 1886.

Briggs, James W.,	24 00	Mann, John E.,	48 00
Bisbee, Sylvanus,	60 00	Peirce, Edwin,	72 00
Fessenden, James C.,	18 00	Ryder, Stephen C.,	72 00
Gibbs, Abiel,	24 00	Raymond, Frederic R.,	72 00
Gay, Erastus E.,	32 00	Standish, Alfred O.,	120 00
Hicks, Orren,	110 00	Smith, Hercules,	36 00
Harlow, Reuben,	40 00	Vaughan, Cyrus M.,	68 00
Harlow, Simeon,	8 00	Wright, Winfield S.,	96 00
Lovell, Henry H.,	72 00	Wilmot, Thomas E.,	69 00
Lane, Benjamin F.,	24 00		
Morse, Emerson, P.,	110 00		
Morse, Artemas,	12 00		
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			\$1,187 00

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1886.

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.
Jan. 6	James E. Freeman,	Newton,	Alice D. Ryder,	Middleboro',
18	Charles W. Swett,	Middleboro',	Hannah T. Sherman,	"
21	Jonathan L. Hall,	"	Lettie Pinkham,	"
Feb. 15	Bernard J. Johnson,	Taunton,	Sophie Gusstafson,	"
Mar. 10	Isaiah K. Ellis,	Dennisport,	Abbie L. Vaughan,	"
12	John F. Haskell,	Taunton,	Mercy A. Raymond,	Taunton.
April 6	Willard L. Hoxie,	Middleboro',	Alice A. Cummings,	"
29	Everett S. Ryder,	"	Anna J. Tinkham,	Middleboro'.
• May 1	Nahum J. Berry,	"	Elizabeth E. King,	"
2	Barnabas Sears,	"	Susan H. Doane,	Somerville.
5	Harvey W. Boyd,	"	M. Alice Nichols,	Randolph.
8	George E. Morse,	"	Mary E. Caswell,	Middleboro'.
8	John E. Howe,	"	Alice Phinney,	"
9	Robert C. Sanford,	Raynham,	Mary F. Perry,	Raynham.
11	Guy G. Major,	Toledo, O.	Hattie E. Leonard,	Middleboro'.
12	Charles F. Folsom,	Boston,	Martha T. Washburn,	Boston.
June 27	George A. Eastman,	Middleboro',	Lizzie M. Smith,	Barnstable.
9	George A. Perry,	Raynham,	Jennie F. Grinnell,	Raynham.
15	Henry C. Monroe,	Middleboro',	Alvahretta J. Thompson	N. Haven, Ct.
19	Nathan E. Burgess,	New Bedford	Nancy D. Butler,	Middleboro'.
16	Percy W. Keith,	Middleboro',	Laura H. White,	"
Aug. 7	Alton F. Caswell,	"	Adelaide P. Morse,	"
7	Charles H. Jordan,	"	Maria Houghton,	"
18	Francis M. Vaughan,	"	Carrie B. Davis,	Falmouth.
24	Fayette W. Hayden,	"	Fanny A. Clarke,	Middleboro'.
Sept. 2	Dennis D. Sullivan,	"	Lucy H. Harrington,	"
5	Manuel Lousalves da Rosa,	"	Inmasia Maria Grace,	"
5	Lugane F. Ashley,	"	Nancy Wright,	Nova Scotia.
11	Ansel C. Wilbur,	"	Mary R. Weston,	Middleboro'.
15	Theophilus A. Benson,	"	Mary L. Moore,	Rochester.
23	Lewis H. Russell,	"	Fanny E. Walley,	Middleboro.
25	Bernard F. Baker,	E. Wareham,	Agnes Harrison,	"
Oct. 7	Charles H. Farrington,	Middleboro',	Cora E. Hines,	E. Boston.
10	Henry L. Thomas, jr.,	"	Mary T. Howe,	Middleboro'.
12	Charles Boden,	E. Bridgewater	Adrianna Stevens	E. Bridgewater.
16	Prince B. Smith,	Hyannis Port	Alice M. Baxter,	Middleboro'.
21	Matthew Cushing,	Middleboro',	Edith I. Bartlett,	"
24	Arthur L. Thomas,	"	Ada E. Westgate,	Carver.
26	Frank B. Durant,	"	Joanna Barry,	Middleboro'.
Nov. 6	Charles E. Hunt,	"	Sarah M. Reed,	"
10	John W. McFarlin,	"	Alice F. Jefferson,	"
15	Sidney T. Nelson,	Lakeville,	Lizzie Parkhurst,	Lakeville.
19	Lemont W. Skinner,	Middleboro',	Ermina F. Soule,	Middleboro'.
24	Hillman W. Hathaway,	Brockton,	Dorothy L. Shurtleff,	"
24	Angus Peirce,	Middleboro',	Lina V. Westgate,	Rochester.
25	Robert R. McDonald,	"	Amy A. Wilcox,	Middleboro'.
26	Joseph Carver,	"	Mabel Caswell,	"
Dec. 4	Eugene L. Radcliffe,	Haverhill,	Eva L. Tupper,	"
25	Edwin F. Dexter,	Middleboro',	Maria T. Coleman,	"
25	Frank Richardson,	Attleboro',	Emma F. Briggs,	Attleboro'.
25	William E. Crosby,	Brockton,	Mamie E. Holmes,	Brockton.
26	Sylvanus F. Tinkham,	Middleboro',	Lillie Ryder,	Middleboro'.
26	Henry F. Shaw,	Carver,	Eunice I. Smith.	"

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1886.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.	Maiden Name.
Jan. 8	Harry Winslow Howe.	John W. and Lizzie C.	Crowell.
10	Cora Annie Keedwell.	George H. and Annie.	Banwell.
14	Harriet Elizabeth Westgate.	Edward S. and Susan D.	Clark.
15	Dana Scott Sylvester.	Henry H. and Mary E.	Ryder.
19	Louisa Tillson Kingman.	Phillip E. and Nellie H.	Shaw.
27	William George Swift.	Edgar F. and Julia A.	Lee.
Feb. 1	Cecel Barton Clark.	George S. and Mary E.	Henderson.
9	Louisa Burt Wood.	Charles A. and Abbie C.	Coombs.
9	Henry Howe.	Charles and Elizabeth.	Meland.
March 1	Phebe Estela Elliot.	Albert W. and Lillian B.	Lane.
10	Franklin Tobey.	John L. and Rebecca E.	Kennedv.
19	Fay Hamilton Deane.	Leonidas and Annie D.	Pratt.
22	Florence McDormid.	Norman and Emma F.	Pratt.
23	Edward Cannon Doherty.	Edward F. and Catharine F.	Cannon.
24	Carl Bertram Thomas.	George B. and Mary.	Clark.
27	Eva Mav Whitcomb.	William H. and Carrie M.	Wright.
29	Ernest Leighton Standish.	Miles T. and Catharine D.	Dunham.
29	Frank Eli Tobey.	Francis H. and Clara E.	Farnsworth.
April 2	Harrold Leslie Bryant.	Herman L. and Mary E.	Meland.
4	Nellie Wilson.	Joseph H. and Maggie.	Flynn.
13	Mary Lizzie Goodwin.	William H. and Lizzie I.	Lovell.
17	Ida Verna Jones.	Charles A. and Susan I.	Haskell.
21	Mace Morton Alden.	Charles C. and Ida F.	Richmond.
23	Olgie Stamwood.	Gustavus and Alexandra.	Heggland.
29	Susan Barrows Merrihew.	John and Ida May.	Barrows.
30	Mary McCarthy.	Timothy P. and Nellie F.	Keenan.
May 8	Harry Alexander Eaton.	Alexander and Lizzie F.	Alden.
13	Lizzie Ella Stonehouse.	Henry C. and Ella D.	Hunt.
14	Harrold Roberts Clark.	David R. and Sarah M.	White.
June 6	Charles Howard Soule.	George L. and Amanda E.	Bartlett.
6	Archie Marian Shurtleff.	N. Frank and Lucy S.	Tillson.
6	Minnie Lincoln Bryant.	Horace L. and Ida F.	Lee.
10	— McCluskey.	Thomas and Maggie.	Baden.
14	Mabel Francis Reed.	Edward C. and Georgia A.	Gault.
30	Herinia Thompson.	John and Julia.	Rickard.
July 4	Frances Mildred Cole.	John W. and Blanche S.	Gregory.
4	Edna Frances Bryant.	Walter T. and Susan E.	Freeman.
8	Louisa Caroline Phillips.	— Katama.	Phillips.
11	Ernest Leighton Maxim.	Carl W. and Betsey M.	Morse.
14	Nellie May Dunham.	Edward F. and Bessie A.	Hazelett.
17	Betsey Mariano Bettencot.	Mariano A. and Anna E.	Parry.
17	Wesley Davis Burnham.	George A. and Rachel A.	Breach.
20	John Clifton Howe.	John E. and Alice C.	Finney.
25	James Lewis Dunham.	Henry L. and Sarah J.	Young.
29	Phillip Crane Conant.	Frederick A. and Susan A.	Hayward.
August 7	Gordon Brooks Alden.	Warner and Matilda J.	White.
9	Walter Melville Clark.	Albert H. and Flora A.	Dinsmore.
10	Grace Andrews Tinkham.	Charles S. and Emma L.	Andrews.
14	Harry Chace.	Ezra T. and Clara A.	Robbins.
14	Mattie Sampson Murdock.	Philo H. and Mary W.	Cole.
28	Albert Henry Beirsecker.	Phillip H. and Mary L.	Bradford.
Sept. 5	Frank Leslie Sherman.	Charles H. and Mary M.	Douglass.
13	Herbert Frank Gibbs.	Joseph F. and Hattie L.	Wheeler.
25	Harriet Irena Cushing.	J. Herbert and Hattie W.	Phillips.
26	— Hall.	Jonathan M. and Susan T.	Dunham.
27	Albert Francis Caswell.	Allerton F. and Adelaide P.	Morse.
27	Ethel May Smith.	Jabez F. and Mary E. K.	Goff.
30	Minerva Miller Sisson.	Edward E. and Anna L.	Tilton.



## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1886.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.	Maiden Name.
Oct.	6 Mary Ann Short.	Paul and Lena.	Leah.
	8 Mary Lavinia Collins.	William W. and Fidelia F.	Gay.
	11 Richard Edward Norris.	John G. and Margaret.	Mullens.
	14 Harrold Collingwood Bailey	Adoniram J. and Gussie B.	Collingwood.
	25 Edith Forest Orcutt.	Walter F. and Leora F.	Carter.
Nov.	31 ——— Gibbs.	Reuben A. and Fannie E.	Nelson.
	1 William Francis Leahy.	William and Catharine.	Maguire.
	10 Frederick Wolfendale.	William and Martha.	Buckley.
	11 ——— Thomas.	James A. and Lizzie B.	Bradford.
	13 Charles Rowland Tinkham.	Charles W. and Sarah J.	Standish.
	24 ——— Shurtleff.	Frederick J. and Emma V.	Waterman.
	25 Euglnia Messer.	Thomas P. and Mercy K.	Hiscox.
	25 Elizabeth Messer.	Thomas P. and Mary K.	Hiscox.
	27 Hiram Francis Caldwell.	Marcena F. and Alice T.	Shaw.
	29 Ada Elizabeth Ford.	Charles H. and Lucinda B.	Snell.
	Dec. 2 Franklin Herbert Standish.	Elmer E. and Maria.	Donovan.
	3 ——— Chace.	Jacob T. and Ada L.	Caswell.
Dec.	7 Ruth Francis Martin.	Frederick D. and Florence V.	Coleman.
	12 Edith Benson.	Gustavus and Harriet T.	Standish.
	19 Thomas Harlow Standish.	George E. and Eva M.	Blanchard.
	20 ——— Pratt.	S. Lewis and Bertha S.	Savage.
	26 Lewis Washburn Garney.	Harvey H. and Lottie.	Washburn.
	29 Eva May Crandall.	George E. and Lydia A.	Benson.
	30 Walter Scott Enos.	Frank and Betsey D.	Ellis.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1886.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.		Disease.
		Yrs. Mos.	Days.	
Jan. 1	Susan R. Thomas,	62	10	20 Tumor.
3	Ethel E. Shaw,	2	8	4 Scarlet Fever.
10	Florence A. Barrows,	6	5	8 Diphtheria.
16	Maria V. Jones,	36	5	22 Consumption of Bowels.
17	Melissa Leonard,	48	10	3 Consumption.
30	Melancy J. Churchill.	75	6	16 Pericardites (Anasarca.)
Feb. 7	Israel Wood,	66		Heart Disease.
9	Thomas J. Parker,	44		Rheumatic Fever.
11	Alonzo C. Braley,	5		21 Diphtheria.
23	Mabel P. Burgess,	10	7	8 Disease of Brain.
March 5	Susie F. Cushman,	2	9	9 Consumption, Whooping Cough.
7	Mabel Howard Davis,	1	2	21 Inflammation of Brain.
17	Joshua M. Eddy,	62		Heart Disease.
24	Mary E. Ellis,	33	7	5 Heart Disease—Dropsy.
27	Thomas H. Perkins,	53		7 Violence, Fracture of Skull, Con- cussion of Brain and Intraci- anial Hemorrhage.
April 3	Harriet G. Perkins,	85		18 Old Age.
22	Mary G. Caswell,	90	9	9 Old Age.
24	Samuel Ryder,	74	5	3 Pneumonia.
May 8	Marston Thompson,	73	8	3 Pneumonia.
18	Rebecca Bryant,	83	6	20 Abscess and Fever.
27	Sophia Reed,	87		6 Old Age.
June 3	Ethan A. Standish,	65	4	11 Paralysis.
25	Benjamin E. Butts,	67	3	Heart Disease.
26	Abigail E. Clark,	72	3	14 Heart Disease.
July 2	Maria P. Fuller,	50	7	18 Shock.
6	Rose A. Creaton,	4	8	21 Brain Fever.
14	Ansel Churchill,	76	6	18 Heart Disease.
23	Annie L. Chandler,	2	8	6 Convulsions,
28	Nathaniel Shurtleff,	72		Shock.
31	Priscilla Shurtleff,	87	4	Old Age.
August 6	William L. Dean,	81	4	21 Heart Trouble.
7	Abigail B. Cushman,	71	11	3 Cardiac Paralysis.
11	Nancy B. Rice,	101	9	27 Old age.
17	Cynthia Phinney,	66	2	11 Brain Disease.
24	Mary K. Weston,	82	8	1 Diarrhea.
25	Priscilla Sparrow,	85	3	8 Old Age.
Sept. 6	Patience B. Barden,	92	1	14 Old Age.
10	Minnie L. Bryant,		3	4 Cholera Infantum.
16	Leonard Richmond,	55		Accident.
21	Elijah Briggs,	96	6	Old Age.
21	Albert F. Caswell,			25 Cholera Infantum.
Oct. 4	Nancy H. Williams,	72	11	3 Heart Disease.
5	Eva May Whitcomb,			5 Brain Disease.
6	Caroline A. Stansell,	63	9	8 Heart Disease, General Dropsy- Cy-anosis.
13	Otis L. Tinkham,	80	11	Influenza.
17	Orsamus Littlejohn,	82	11	9 Heart Disease.
25	Luther W. Savery,	46	9	25 Bright's Disease.
25	Matilda Wood,	77	11	2 Dilatation of the Heart.
26	Ebenezer C. Shaw,	84	10	8 Old Age.
Nov. 9	Relief Shaw,	85	7	7 Pneumonia.
14	John H. Pratt,	91	2	1 Old Age.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1886.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
Dec. 1	Sarah T. Thompson,	75	6	20	Apoplexy.
3	Lydia Wood,	85	5	14	Dropsy.
5	Ellis Weston,	58	7	3	Cancer.
14	James P. Elliot,	68	5	10	Kidney Disease.
15	Gracie E. Allen,	5	2	8	Scald.
19	William O. Barrows,	81	6	3	Gastritis.
27	Joanna Churchill,	65	9		Heart Disease.
27	Clara J. Baker,	38	8	22	Consumption.
27	Nellie F. Tinkham,	1	1	2	Congestion of Lungs.
30	Martha T. Gibbs,	18	5		Inflammation of Bowels.

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## SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births and Deaths recorded in Middleboro for the year 1886:—

### MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1885,	53
Oldest groom, 67.	Oldest bride, 47.
Youngest groom, 18.	Youngest bride, 16.
First marriage of 91 persons.	40 males, 51 females.
Second " 13 "	11 " 2 "
Third " 2 "	2 "
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106	53 couples.

### BIRTHS.

Number of Births registered in 1886,	82
Males 43. Females 39.	

### DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1886,	65
Males 27. Females 38.	

#### AGES.

Still-born,	4	Under one year,	3
Between 1 and 5 years,	6	Between 5 and 10 years,	3
" 10 " 20 "	2		
" 30 " 40 "	3	" 40 " 50 "	3
" 50 " 60 "	4	" 60 " 70 "	9
" 70 " 80 "	10	" 80 " 90 "	13
" 90 " 100 "	4	Over 100,	1

### DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed,	368
Males 346. Females 22.	

C. T. THATCHER,  
Town Clerk.

# VOTE OF MIDDLEBORO, NOV., 2, 1886.

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## FOR GOVERNOR.

Oliver Ames, of Easton . . . . .	299
John F. Andrew, of Boston . . . . .	217
Thomas J. Lothrop, of Taunton . . . . .	89

## FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John Q. A. Brackett, of Boston . . . . .	293
Frank K. Foster, of Haverhill . . . . .	217
John Blackmer, of Springfield . . . . .	93

## FOR SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Henry B. Peirce, of Abington . . . . .	292
John R. Thayer, of Worcester . . . . .	226
George Kempton, of Sharon . . . . .	90

## FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL.

Alanson W. Beard, of Boston . . . . .	306
Lewis Warner, of Northampton . . . . .	213
John L. Kilbon, of Lee . . . . .	90

## FOR AUDITOR.

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield . . . . .	307
William F. Cook, of Springfield . . . . .	213
William W. Sherman, of Lowell . . . . .	90

## FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Edgar J. Sherman, of Lawrence . . . . .	307
John W. Corcoran, of Clinton . . . . .	212
Samuel M. Fairfield, of Malden . . . . .	90

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS.

Robert T. Davis, of Fall River . . . . .	302
George T. McLaughlin, of Sandwich . . . . .	216
Edward H. Hatfield, of Cottage City . . . . .	90
A. H. Eaton, of Middleborough . . . . .	1

## FOR COUNCILLOR, FIRST DISTRICT.

Jonathan Bourne, of New Bedford . . . .	303
Charles H. Carpenter, of Middleborough . . . .	215
Nehemiah P. Baker, of Falmouth . . . .	90

## FOR SENATOR, SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Ziba C. Keith, of Brockton . . . . .	267
William L. Douglass, of Brockton . . . . .	256
Walter D. Packard, of Brockton . . . . .	85

## FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

Hosea Kingman, of Bridgewater . . . . .	517
Oscar A. Marden, of Stoughton . . . . .	92

## FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Charles H. Paine, of Halifax . . . . .	310
Van R. Swift, of Bridgewater . . . . .	209
Barzillia E. Wright, of Plympton . . . . .	1

## FOR SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Charles W. S. Seymour, of Hingham . . . . .	307
Obed Delano, of Marion . . . . .	307
Thomas C. Collins, of Middleborough . . . . .	209
Josiah M. Lane, of Hingham . . . . .	212
Israel Thrasher, of Pembroke . . . . .	90
William Torrey, of Rockland . . . . .	90

## FOR COMMISSIONERS OF INSOLVENCY.

Charles W. Sumner, of Brockton . . . . .	307
Arthur Lord, of Plymouth . . . . .	307
Hosea Kingman, of Bridgewater . . . . .	306
Charles S. Davis, of Plymouth . . . . .	212
Lawrence J. Donovan, of Rockland . . . . .	211
William Savery, of Carver . . . . .	213
Peter Dalton, of Brockton . . . . .	90
Israel H. Hatch, of Marshfield . . . . .	90
Weston Howland, of Mattapoisett . . . . .	90



## FOR SHERIFF.

Alpheus K. Harmon, of Plymouth	. . . . .	309
Daniel E. Millett, of Brockton	. . . . .	210
John H. Young, of Scituate	. . . . .	90

## FOR CLERK OF COURTS.

William H. Whitman, of Plymouth	. . . . .	307
Otis L Bonney, of Hanson	. . . . .	212
Henry B. Maglathlin, of Kingston	. . . . .	88

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT, EIGHTH  
PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

James H. Harlow, of Middleborough	. . . . .	266
Eugene P. LeBaron, of Middleborough	. . . . .	244
Calvin D. Kingman, of Middleborough	. . . . .	91

## TOWN WARRANT.

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### ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 7, 1887.

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. The following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz.: Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and Fish Wardens.
- 3d. To vote upon the question of granting Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. Ballots to be "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"
- 4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the present year.
- 5th. To see if the town will choose a board of road commissioners, and act anything thereon.
- 6th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the present year, and determine when the same shall be assessed, and how appropriated.
- 7th. To choose a board of auditors.
- 8th. To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer, and report the condition of the treasury.
- 9th. To vote the pay of their Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.

10th. To dispose of the town's right to take alewives the present year, or for a term of years, and act anything thereon.

11th. To see if the town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen Pound Keepers.

12th. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their Alms-house, and act anything thereon.

13th. To allow accounts against the town, and act anything thereon.

14th. To take action in relation to clearing the highway of snow the present year.

15th. To hear and act on the reports of any officers of the town.

16th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes the present year. and act anything thereon.

17th. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night Watch at the "Four Corners," and act anything thereon.

18th. To see if the town will pay for lighting street lamps, and act anything thereon.

19th. To dispose of the money received for licences the present year, and act anything thereon.

20th. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, Grand Army of the Republic, on Memorial Day.

21st. To take action on the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

22d. To see if the town will vote to pay a part of the expense

of sprinkling the streets at the "Four Corners," and act anything thereon.

23d. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commission, to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester, and Freetown.

24th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a stone crusher, and act anything thereon.

25th. To see if the town will vote to extend the sewer on Centre and Main Streets, and act anything thereon.

26th. To see if the town will vote to request the County Commissioners of this county to establish a Truant School, and act anything thereon.

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
MIDDLEBOROUGH,  
FOR THE YEAR  
1887.

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MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.;  
MIDDLEBOROUGH GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.  
1888.



# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TERM EXPIRES 1888.

GEORGE L. ELLIS, JOHN C. SULLIVAN,  
JAMES H. WESTON.

TERM EXPIRES 1889.

WILLIAM H. BOWEN, JAMES F. SHURTLEFF.

TERM EXPIRES 1890.

AUGUSTUS PRATT, ADELINE V. WOOD.

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## OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

WILLIAM H. BOWEN, Chairman.

EDWARD P. FITTS, Secretary.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

EDWARD P. FITTS.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Teachers : Messrs. SULLIVAN, BOWEN and ELLIS.

On Supplies : Messrs. ELLIS, SULLIVAN and WESTON.

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## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Schools Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, J. F. SHURTLEFF.

Schools Nos. 3, 4, 6, Mrs. A. V. WOOD.

Schools Nos. 8, 16, GEORGE L. ELLIS.

Schools Nos. 20, 21, 22, AUGUSTUS PRATT.

School No. 2 and High School, WILLIAM H. BOWEN.

Schools No. 14 and School Street, J. C. SULLIVAN.

Schools No. 19 and Union Street, J. H. WESTON.

Office of Superintendent of Schools in the Town House, East Room. Office hours every school day from 8 to 9 A. M.

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MIDDLEBOROUGH:

Your School Committee respectfully beg leave to submit the following financial report, together with that of the Superintendent.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Mrs. A. W. Leonard, cleaning H. S.,.....	\$ .50
F. W. Hayden, repairs,.....	1.40
J. & G. E. Doane's bill to Jan. 1, 1887,.....	56.66
J. H. Weston, repairs, No. 4,.....	.50
J. H. Weston, repairs, No. 19,.....	1.25
M. H. Cushing, brooms,.....	2.50
H. L. Thatcher & Co., supplies,.....	.25
H. N. Wilbur, repairs, No. 3,.....	3.16
Rent of Peirce Academy, 12 weeks,.....	66.60
Jones Brothers, scrap basket,.....	1.00
Rent of Peirce Academy to July 1,.....	66.64
C. A. Wood, inscribing diplomas,.....	1.00
S. Baker, six ventilators,.....	13.15
Roland Bunker, repairs, No. 20 and No. 21,.....	11.00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, No. 21,.....	9.83
J. C. Sullivan, cash paid W. D. Bump,.....	2.50
J. H. Weston, labor, Union st.,.....	5.75
George Wilcox, labor, Union st.,.....	6.18
John McNeal, labor, Union st.,.....	4.37
Mrs. Trafford, cleaning, No. 19,.....	3.00
T. C. Savery, grading, No. 2,.....	4.54
Domestic Plumbing Co., Union st.,.....	110.00
Richard Carter, labor, Nos. 3 and 4,.....	3.00
Charles A. Shaw, painting, No. 16,.....	10.00
Albion Baxter, cleaning chimney, No. 14,.....	.50
Benjamin Folger, moving furniture,.....	2.40
J. & G. E. Doane's bill to Oct. 7, 1887,.....	30.99

C. W. Barrows, painting, No. 13,.....	17.88
M. H. Cushing, brooms,.....	2.70
H. A. Sparrow, painting, No. 2,.....	33.10
F. A. Nants, extra labor, No. 18,.....	5.00
Estate of P. Washburn, rent of land,.....	16.00
George H. Case, labor, No. 14,.....	34.90
Harrison Washburn, repairs, No. 6,.....	1.00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, No. 13,.....	12.07
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, Union st.,.....	5.71
Josiah H. Thomas, labor, No. 8,.....	1.50
J. H. Weston, repairs, Union st.,.....	1.25
Clara Bagnell, cleaning, No. 2,.....	2.00
B. A. Morse, moving stove,.....	1.00
Samuel Sturtevant, labor, Union st.,.....	1.25
Mrs. Warren, cleaning, School st.,.....	3.50
Mrs. Say, cleaning, School st., and soap,.....	4.25
Mrs. McKenney, cleaning, School st.,.....	3.50
Geo. F. Sisson, labor and stock, No. 13,.....	14.38
W. B. Hammond, gas,.....	8.05
F. W. Hayden's bill,.....	11.80
W. B. Hammond, gas,.....	3.85
J. & G. E. Doane, sundries,.....	5.43
Thomas W. Pierce, sundries,.....	1.77
Total,.....	<u>\$610.56</u>

#### TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Marion P. Alden,.....	\$12.06
Flora Atwood,.....	5.08
Della Barrows,.....	16.93
Agnes E. Bettridge,.....	19.50
Mattie Carter,.....	3.60
Mabel Clark,.....	25.65
Herbert Cobb,.....	2.50
E. M. Coffin,.....	19.50
Florence Deane,.....	19.50
Rena Dunham,.....	16.93

Jennie Gammons,.....	22.32
Bessie Merrihew,.....	7.55
Sadie Morse,.....	9.60
W. L. Phinney,.....	19.50
H. H. Ryder,.....	16.93
L. B. Shurtleff,.....	22.32
Olive Smith,.....	16.93
L. B. Thomas,.....	13.40
G. E. Tillson,.....	16.93
Clora Thompson,.....	3.00
Albert E. Frost,.....	8.92
Harry Harvey,.....	6.77
Charles P. Hatch,.....	8.92
William F. Hill,.....	8.92
Annie M. Reed,.....	5.63
Howard F. Ryder,.....	8.92
Alfred A. Shaw,.....	3.75
Alfred F. Shurtleff,.....	8.92
Chester E. Smith,.....	8.92
Arthur F. Thomas,.....	8.92
Addie Washburn,.....	9.25
Minnie Washburn,.....	2.55
Nellie F. Wood,.....	1.85
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Total,.....	\$381.97
Paid for transportation from No. 22 to No. 21,.....	90.50
“ “ “ No. 1 to No. 2,.....	172.00
“ “ to No. 6,.....	9.30
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	\$271.80
Total for transportation,.....	\$653.77
Total for incidentals,.....	610.56
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	\$1,264.33
Total balance unexpended,.....	235.67

# EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

School No. 2.....	\$301.85
“ “ 3.....	306.22
“ “ 4.....	303.10
“ “ 6.....	284.97
“ “ 8.....	246.60
“ “ 10.....	315.85
“ “ 11.....	246.12
“ “ 12.....	300.35
“ “ 13.....	295.47
“ “ 14.....	296.10
“ “ 16.....	286.10
“ “ 17.....	282.85
“ “ 19.....	323.60
“ “ 20.....	303.35
“ “ 21.....	306.85
“ “ 18.....	4,114.85
High School.....	2,346.04
Tuition to Lakeville 1884, '85, '86 to April 1, '87,.....	92.25
Tuition to Bridgewater to Nov. 18, 1887,.....	48.60
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	\$11,001.12
Balance overdrawn,.....	1.12

## TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Atlantic Paper Co.,.....	\$33.40
D. Appleton & Co.,.....	41.75
Harper Brothers,.....	39.60
E. E. Babb & Co.,.....	23.97
Porter & Coates, .....	4.00
Harrison Hume,.....	67.21
Silver, Rogers & Co.,.....	19.20
Ginn & Co.,.....	145.41
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.,.....	71.00
J. T. White,.....	25.00
F. M. Ambrose,.....	86.50

J. L. Hammett,.....	5.60
George S. Perry,.....	8.75
Interstate Publishing Co.,.....	20.84
Clark & Maynard,.....	.84
A. C. Boyden,.....	5.00
G. F. King,.....	11.66
H. L. Thatcher & Co.,.....	32.51
John Shaw,.....	20.47
Charles H. Whiting,.....	14.00
Adams & Ingraham,.....	34.69
Thompson, Brown & Co.,.....	45.10
Boston School Supply,.....	73.64
Carl Schoenhof,.....	17.89
C. W. Clark,.....	17.72
Cowperthwait & Co.,.....	25.32
Total,.....	<u>\$891.07</u>
Balance unexpended,.....	108.93

#### FURNISHING HIGH-SCHOOL BUILDING.

Winchester Furniture Co.,.....	\$1,025.00
J. & G. E. Doane,.....	23.84
B. Folger, moving,.....	8.50
Jones Bros., mats,.....	8.25
A. P. Vaughan, labor and stock,.....	21.89
H. A. Sparrow, painting,.....	59.67
J. F. Dowsing, labor,.....	15.05
George L. Soule, baskets,.....	5.00
J. H. Weston, labor,.....	5.00
Samuel Sturtevant, labor,.....	5.00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber,.....	2.98
W. P. Brooks & Co., shades,.....	88.70
Bradley & Hubbard Mfg. Co., fixtures,.....	60.97
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, labor and stock,.....	41.18
Henry Benton, labor,.....	2.02
George L. Soule, moulding,.....	5.28
Lloyd Perkins, labor and keys,.....	2.25



Lloyd Perkins, keys,.....	2.85
George L. Soule, chairs,.....	4.00
F. W. Hayden, clocks, .....	12.00
Jones Brothers, sundries,.....	4.80
A. P. Vaughan, labor and stock,.....	4.05
LeBaron Foundry Co., castings,.....	10.63
Total,.....	\$1,418.91
Balance unexpended,.....	81.09

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### SUMMARY.

General Appropriation,.....	\$11,000.00
Appropriation for incidentals, .....	1,500.00
Appropriation for Text-Books and Supplies,.....	1,000.00
Appropriation for Furnishing High School,.....	1,500.00
Received from Town of Rochester, .....	10.20
Received for High School Tuition, .....	178.00
Received for Grammar School Tuition, .....	40.00
Received from the State, .....	208.01
Total,.....	\$15,436.21
Expended from the General Appropriation,.	\$11,001.12
Expended for Incidentals, .....	1,264.33
Expended for Text-Books and Supplies, ...	891.07
Expended for Furnishing High School, ....	1,418.91
Total,.....	\$14,575.43
Balance Unexpended, .....	\$860.78

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The balance reported on account for High School furnishing will be needed for storm-doors and other arrangements necessary for the usefulness of the building. A large draft upon our resources is also made by the heating of this building, of not less than four hundred dollars *per annum*.

We are under great obligations to our excellent Superintendent for his ready and efficient cooperation with your Committee. His

services in behalf of our schools have been untiring and of great value.

The expenses for transportation have increased steadily, as the school population has increased, until your Committee find the large amount of nearly seven hundred dollars, required for this item, to be a heavy drain upon the sum voted for incidentals. We have confidence that the town will see the reasonableness of our request for a larger appropriation for incidentals, and cheerfully grant it.

We therefore respectfully submit a request for the following appropriations, believing them, in our best judgment, to be necessary for the welfare of the school interests of the town, viz. :

General appropriation, .....	\$11,500
Incidentals, .....	2,000
Text Books and Supplies, .....	1,000
Superintendent's Salary, .....	1,000

The High School building, which in its appointments and its adaptation to school work is an honor to the intelligence and spirit of the town, was dedicated with appropriate and interesting ceremonies Sept. 2d, 1887.

Having approved the following valuable report of your Superintendent, we respectfully commend it to your attention.

WILLIAM H. BOWEN,  
 GEORGE L. ELLIS,  
 AUGUSTUS PRATT,  
 JAMES F. SHURTLEFF,  
 JAMES H. WESTON,  
 ADELINE V. WOOD,  
 JOHN C. SULLIVAN,

*School Committee.*

# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

*To the School Committee of Middleborough:*

Of necessity, last year my report to the Committee was made up largely from facts gained from others. It is with feelings of sincere gratitude that it is my privilege this year to make a report to you from my own observations of the work in the schools.

#### STATISTICS.

Number of children between 5 and 15, May 1, 1886, 797  
 Number between 8 and 14, . . . . . 503

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Whole number belonging, .....	752	764	758	785	797	791	820	827	801
Average attendance, .....	676	656	611	680	634	726	742	741	674
Tardiness, .....	227	169	138	197	245	170	159	183	214
Dismissions, .....	115	118	120	186	151	135	229	220	228
Truants, .....	1	5	2	6	4	3	3	3	4
Visits, .....	79	109	178	85	349	95	142	144	166

A glance at these figures will show the growth of the schools during the year. Taking the whole number belonging at the beginning of the year and the largest number in the fall and the increase is seventy-five. Hardly a week has passed during the fall in which some new scholars have not been added to the different schools. The last month shows a considerable falling off owing to the fear caused by scarlet fever. The school at Thomastown was entirely broken up by measles in

the spring term, and this disease interfered with the work in other places. With these exceptions the attendance has been generally good.

The following have been neither absent nor tardy for the entire year.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

Florence Deane,	Florence Robinson,
Granville Tillson,	Lizzie Gruber,
Eben Shaw,	Annie Denham,
Jennie Gammons,	Erna Leach,
Isabel Paun,	Olive Smith.

### GRAMMAR AND HIGH.

Amy Clark,	Jennie Donaldson.
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### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Grace Churbuck,	Julia Deane,
William C. Adams,	Charles Breach,
Thomas J. Belmont,	Charles Bourne,
Bertha Deane,	Bertha Thomas.

### NEMASKET.

Bertha Ritter.

### THOMPSONVILLE.

George Deane.

### PURCHADE.

Harry Bump.

Fifty-seven others have been neither absent nor tardy for two terms, and one hundred and four others for one term.

Whole number of schools,.....	25
Whole number of teachers,.....	28
Number of boys enrolled,.....	436
Number of girls enrolled,.....	482

Number of sittings,.....	1229
Number of different teachers employed during the year,....	36
Number of buildings,.....	19

Value of school buildings including land :

High, .....	\$30,000
Union Street,.....	6,000
School Street,.....	6,000
Waterville, .....	1,000
Green, .....	1,000
Nemasket,.....	700
Thompsonville,.....	600
Thomastown, .....	950
South Middleborough,.....	1,000
France, .....	300
Highland, .....	700
Rock,.....	800
Fall Brook,.....	1,000
Wappanucket, .....	1,000
Neck,.....	500
Purchase, .....	1,000
Plymouth Street, .....	700
Pleasant Street, .....	600
Redding, .....	350

Statistics taken from the Fiftieth Annual Report of the  
Secretary of the State Board of Education.

Number of cities and towns: cities, 23 ; towns, 325,	348
Number of public schools,.....	6,717
Number of pupils of all ages in the public schools during the year,.....	349,617
Number of persons over fifteen years of age attend- ing the public schools,.....	27,972
Per cent. of attendance based upon the average mem- bership, .....	90
Number of persons employed as teachers in the public schools during the year: men, 1,060 ; women, 8,610 ; total,.....	9,670
Number of teachers who have graduated from Nor- mal schools,.....	2,420

Average number of months the public schools have been kept for the entire year,.....	8.12
Number of High schools,.....	224
Number of teachers in High schools,.....	677
Number of pupils in High schools,.....	21,370
Amount expended upon the public schools, exclusive of the expense of school buildings,.....	\$5,676,969.08
Cost of new school-houses, permanent improvements, and ordinary repairs,.....	1,475,106.30
Entire expenditure for public school purposes,.....	7,151,075.38
Amount of the Massachusetts school fund, Dec. 31, 1886, .....	2,715,944.00
Population of Middleborough census of 1885,.....	5,163
Valuation, .....	\$2,714,577.00
Amount appropriated for each child between 5 and 15 years of age, .....	11.574

140 towns in the state appropriating more.

11 towns in the county appropriating more.

Amount appropriated in proportion to valuation, Middleborough stands in the state, No. 132, and in the county, No. 8. It appears from the tables from which these figures are taken that Middleborough has a lower rank in every case compared with the year previous, except in the last number, in which she has just held her own rank, No. 8.

Rank in the state in average attendance, 147. Rank in the county, 13.

The figures may give to those who have not access to the Secretary's report, an idea of the relative position which Middleborough holds in the state and in the county. It must be borne in mind that they are figures compiled a year ago, and do not give the exact condition at present.

## SCHOOL HOUSES.

We have to congratulate ourselves that we have come to the time when Middleborough can point to her school accom-



odations with some degree of pride. It is with pleasure that we record that this year has seen the completion of a new High School building, situated upon one of the finest lots in town, with grounds which must commend themselves to the taste of all who have delight in the beautiful.

Heated throughout with steam both by direct and indirect methods so that pure air can be heated and sent directly into the rooms, and if need requires, air already in the rooms can be heated.

Ventilated by means of transom windows admitting air directly from out of doors or from the halls, and by ventilators at the top and bottom of each room to carry off the impure air.

Lighted so that light shall strike upon the left side of nearly every pupil in the building.

Seated with the most improved furniture for health and comfort, entirely new excepting in two rooms. Furnished with water throughout, and with gas in the darker parts of the building; with teachers' rooms and cloak rooms; surely all the conveniences and many of the luxuries of school life are at the disposal of the teachers and pupils.

The only room not thoroughly furnished is the attic. In order to have all the school work under one roof, the laboratory has been fitted up in this room. Two tables have been arranged so that work can be done upon each side of them, furnishing room for twenty pupils. Water and gas have been introduced, but no means of heating. Two small ventilators have been placed in the chimney with a hood over them for the purpose of carrying off the noxious gases, but no general means of ventilation. The room is not very well lighted, and if this room is to be used permanently for a laboratory, it seems necessary to finish off a part of the space, and make further provision for heat, light and ventilation.

Improvements have been made in other buildings. Water has been introduced into Union street building, a much-needed

coat of paint has been applied to the house at Waterville, and the grounds graded. The Ladies' Sewing Circle of Waterville have made and put up new curtains, adding much to the attractiveness of the room.

The houses at Wappanucket and South Middleborough have each had a coat of paint. The long annoying chimney at Thomastown has been rebuilt from the ground. New black-boards have been put in at the Rock, and the boards in nearly all the other buildings have been repainted with liquid slating. Repairs have been made upon the shed and fence at Fall Brook, giving them a much neater appearance. While the out-districts have plenty of room for all the pupils who attend, the rooms in the village, in the grammar grades, are full and overflowing. Five new sittings had to be placed in the ninth-grade room at the beginning of the term in the new building. This was partly due to the combining of two grades, the eighth being too small for a separate school. Already, however, the class to be promoted is large enough to fill this room, and should any fail to pass into the High School, the room will be insufficient to accommodate conveniently all who may wish to attend. The class to be promoted from the Intermediate to the Grammar school numbers, at present, seventy. There is no one room in the new building with sittings to accommodate this number, and some provision will have to be made for them. When it became necessary to move the Primary schools from the Academy building, the old grammar rooms on Union street were converted into primary rooms by removing the old furniture and substituting the primary, and by arranging for black-boards and clothing as the height of the children demanded.

The two back rooms remain intact but they are hardly suitable for permanent school rooms for grammar grades on account of light, ventilation and inconveniences which readily suggest themselves in connection with Primary schools.

The increase of pupils as shown by the statistics has been

largely in the Village schools. I would recommend that enough additional sittings be provided so that pupils of the ninth grade who live outside the village who wish to attend in the new building shall have that privilege, both as a relief to the school from which they come, and for the advancement of those who are working on the same subject. It must be apparent to all that a teacher having all his scholars in one grade can do more for that grade than he can if he had four or five grades to teach.

### TEACHERS.

It is exceedingly gratifying to report that we have been able to keep our teachers during the year to a greater extent than last year. Other things being equal, the fewer the changes the better the school. So detrimental to the best interests of the schools had the constant changes become, that the Committee found it necessary to engage teachers with the understanding that they would stay until the end of a term, and then not leave without two weeks notice being given to the Superintendent. In every case but three has this agreement been faithfully kept by the teachers, and the schools have reaped the benefit.

In February, Fannie W. Richards having received the offer of a position in Watertown at higher wages resigned her position in the Intermediate school, and Mary E. Frink was transferred to fill the vacancy, and Mary E. Deane elected for the school at the Green. So strong was the opposition to Miss Richards' departure, and so seriously did the transfer interfere with the best good of the school that the Committee felt compelled to pass the law above referred to. In April the Committee accepted the resignation of Lizzie J. Wilson. Her departure was a great loss to our schools. Having been connected with them since September, 1882, she had won her way into the hearts of many pupils by her genial, sympathetic ways. Irene S. Nightingale was transferred from Thomas-

town to fill the vacancy, and Laura M. Pease succeeded her. After two weeks the latter was obliged to give up on account of sickness. Miss Pease was re-elected for the next year, but securing another school at advanced pay she resigned just before the fall term began, and in her place Ella F. Kilbrith was elected and fills the position with great acceptance. Miss Rhodehouse resigned her position in the Primary school to accept a better position in Harrisburg, Pa., and Miss Eastman was transferred from the Highland school to fill the vacancy. Laura E. Clark was elected teacher of the Highland school but resigned after a few days on account of sickness, and Mary W. Wentworth succeeded her and has remained through the year.

Lucia F. Keith having sent in her resignation as teacher at Waterville, Lillie H. Thornton was secured to fill the vacancy there, and has succeeded admirably.

At the re-election of teachers in June, Miss Allen not wishing longer to remain at Plymouth street, was transferred to the Fourth Primary, and Miss Simmons from the Fourth Primary to Plymouth street. Securing a better position in Bridgewater she resigned, and Annie F. Blackman of the last class of the Bridgewater Normal School was elected.

At the beginning of the school year in the new building it was found necessary to have one Grammar class in each room with a single teacher, thus doing away with the assistants and appointing regular teachers. To these positions the former assistants, Misses Brett and Nightingale were chosen.

Annie H. Weston having resigned her position at Thompsonville on account of sickness, was succeeded by Gertrude M. Robinson, of New Bedford.

The resignations of three more of our teachers were received at the close of the fall term, one of whom was called away to receive better wages in Bridgewater. We can ill afford to lose so many of our best teachers, after having become accustomed to our ways and methods. Middleborough has be-



come a sort of training school for teachers, and it certainly speaks well for their ability to have them so often taken from us, but it is costing us dear to have other towns reap the benefit of our labor. The only remedy seems to be to pay more, and then it will be difficult to keep good teachers in district schools, when they can get the same pay in a village school with only one class to teach.

### HIGH SCHOOL.

It is fitting that particular mention should be made of this school, for it is there that the crowning work of the school system is done, and to which many of the pupils look forward from the beginning of their school course. We have to record no change of teachers. With joy we point to better accommodations for school work; with pride to the largest enrollment since the High school existed.

In 1880-1881 the	High school	enrolled	82
" 1881-1882	"	"	61
" 1882-1883	"	"	43
" 1883-1884	"	"	80
" 1884-1885	"	"	72
" 1885-1886	"	"	75
" 1886-1887	"	"	72
" 1887-1888	"	"	104
" 1880	nine graduated.		
" 1881	fifteen	"	
" 1882	six	"	
" 1883	four	"	
" 1884	eighteen	"	
" 1885	thirteen	"	
" 1886	fifteen	"	
" 1887	four	"	

The following are the graduates of 1887 :

#### FOUR YEARS CLASSICAL.

Estelle B. Coombs, Julia E. Sheehan, Leila B. Thomas.

#### FOUR YEARS ENGLISH.

May L. Nelson.

During the first part of the year the school was very small, at one time numbering sixty, but a large class was admitted in the Fall, most of whom were well prepared, but a few were admitted on probation. It is a difficult matter to decide upon the best method of admitting pupils to the High school. Our method has been to keep the monthly records of the examinations given by the teachers through the year, and average those with a final examination given by the Superintendent at the close of the year. A scholar's standing has not been based wholly upon written work, but upon written and daily work combined. Those who were not up to the required standard of 70 per cent. were allowed another trial just before the beginning of the Fall term, and then were accepted, put upon probation, or rejected. Special leniency has been shown to a few pupils from outside the village, from the fact that their rejection would oblige the teacher to form a special grade for them, thus taking her time which rightfully belongs to the lower grades.

The following is the new course of study adopted for the High school. It is divided into three courses, English, Classical and College. It is earnestly hoped that those intending to send pupils to the High school would make a careful study of these courses, and be prepared to tell which course they wish pursued. Many pupils have lost the best part of the first week in deciding what to do and have long felt the evil effects of not beginning with the proper class on the first day of school.



## ENGLISH COURSE.

## FIRST YEAR.

## FIRST TERM.

English, Grammar, and Composition.

Arithmetic.

Physical Geography.

Drawing, two times a week through the year.

## SECOND TERM.

History of England.

Arithmetic.

Natural History.

## THIRD TERM.

History of England.

Physiology.

Book-keeping.

## SECOND YEAR.

## FIRST TERM.

Rhetoric and Composition.

Algebra.

Physics.

Drawing, continued.

## SECOND TERM.

General History of Europe.

Algebra.

Physics.

## THIRD TERM.

General History of Europe.

Algebra.

Botany.

## THIRD YEAR.

## FIRST TERM.

English Literature.

Geometry.

Chemistry.

## SECOND TERM.

English Literature.  
 Geometry.  
 Chemistry.

## THIRD TERM.

English Literature.  
 Geometry.  
 Mineralogy.

## FOURTH YEAR.

## FIRST TERM.

Civics.  
 Essays.  
 Review of Arithmetic.  
 Astronomy.

## SECOND TERM.

Civics.  
 Essays.  
 Review of Algebra.  
 Geology.

## THIRD TERM.

Trigonometry and Surveying.  
 Review of Geometry.  
 Geology.

## CLASSICAL COURSE.

This course is the same as the English with the exception of Latin in place of Sciences, and French optional in the third and fourth years.

## COLLEGE COURSE.

This course is the same as the Classical with the addition of Greek beginning with the second year, and French beginning with the third year.

The courses are so arranged that no scholar, except in the College course, is obliged to take more than three studies.

Should any pupil, in the judgment of the teachers, seem capable and desirous of taking more than three studies such extra work can be taken so that it will be possible for some to derive the benefits of more than one course.

## BUSINESS AND NEW RULES.

Many persons have complained that it was more work to get their pay for work done for the school department than the work itself. An understanding of the method of doing business will obviate all difficulty, and with at most only a month's delay. It having been impossible to keep any correct account of the school appropriations when parties having bills against the school department secured the signatures of three of the committee at any time, it was voted that all bills against the department should be approved at the regular meetings of the board, which occur on the first Friday of every month.

The first essential to expedite business is to have a bill properly dated, itemized and written upon a piece of paper large enough to avoid any occasion of being lost. To be sure of being approved it should receive the signature of the member of the committee who engaged the work done, so that in case he should not be present at the meeting those present will know that the work has been finished. All bills should be sent to the Secretary, who is always present at the meetings of the Board, and after the bills have been approved and recorded they are sent to the Town Treasurer, usually immediately after the meeting of the committee. They are then ready for collection at the pleasure of the Treasurer. To avoid the confusion arising from making a separate charge for tuition and books for out-of-town pupils, the committee voted that the entire cost in the High school per term should be \$12, and in the Grammar schools \$8.

Parents are requested to co-operate with the committee in

carrying out the regulation that all scholars be required to keep within the school limits during recess, except by special permission from the parents by means of a written request to the teacher.

New pupils who have never attended school and are unable to do the work of the lowest primary grade will be admitted only during the first week of each term. The necessity of this rule will be apparent to all when it is considered that a new scholar in this grade requires as much attention as a class, in fact a new class has to be formed for him. With a little forethought, parents can arrange so that all the little ones who are of suitable age can begin together and accomplish what would be impossible were they coming at all times. A new class is formed in September, January and April.

### THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

About one-sixth of our population is enrolled in the public schools. Add to this number those in the private schools, and we have an army of young people which ought to claim the attention of the citizens. No other department in the town requires so much money for its work, and those who pay ought to know if they are receiving any adequate return for the capital invested. While all the schools are not doing equally good work owing to difference in ability of the teachers, lack of enthusiasm from smallness of numbers, want of hearty cooperation and support of those who ought to be most interested in the welfare of the school, I can safely and truthfully say that progress has been made. While in some grades the progress is not so marked as in others, in the primary grades it is easy to note results from month to month. To give an idea of the different method pursued now from that of a few years ago, allow me to transcribe from my notebook the work of an hour in the lowest primary grade at one of my regular visits, time unknown by the teacher.

After rapidly calling the roll, to which thirty-nine responded, the teacher passes slips of newspaper to each pupil, and a boy follows with lumps of putty which he places upon the slips to prevent soiling the slates upon which they work. As soon as all are ready, the teacher asks each one to make a sphere; then in concert they strike the putty upon the slate three times, counting aloud as they strike, thus forming one side of a cube; then each side is formed as in the first case. After working separately upon the cube until nearly perfect, each one forms a new sphere and places it upon the cube making an ornamental design. A class in reading is called out. While every one comes into line, there is no stiffness and rigidity about it, all seem glad to be there and ready for work. Upon the board is a crayon picture. All are ready to tell something about it, some exceedingly eager to be the first to tell their story. These three statements were selected and written and printed upon the board, and read.

This is a tree. It is a big tree. The tree is on the hill. The words were then spelt by letters and by sound. The statements were read in concert, and the happy children went to their seats to write the word "tree" upon their slates, having mastered one new word at least by the exercise. An examination of the slates afterward proved that these little children who had spent only a few weeks in school had gained the power of forming letters in script which would be an honor to pupils of an older growth. A still younger division of the school came before the blackboard. A little different method was pursued. The teacher began with the word "man"; every one in the class gave the sounds which make up the word, then followed the same method with "am". After the words were very familiar, they were put into statements both printed and written, and the children required to find them there. As soon as every child was able to pick out every word in this way, the teacher drew her crayon through each word and the children instantly called the word. By



such repetition and other devices from one hundred to two hundred new words are learned before the child is ready to take up a book, and when thus prepared very rapid is the progress made.

### ARITHMETIC.

A noticeable progress has been made in this study in the primary schools, and yet it is my opinion that we have not attained that rapidity and accuracy which has been attained in other places. While we feel our deficiency and realize that with all our faithful work we have not accomplished all that we would wish, yet we believe ourselves honest in saying that what progress we have made has not been gained by depriving other studies of their rightful share of time and attention. In exceptional cases we deem ourselves in no way behind the very best, but this has come from faithful work and an especial adaptability on the part of the teacher for this study. In the grammar grades we have been obliged to drop the departmental method pursued a year ago, and each teacher has all the work of her room to do. Especial attention has been paid in the ninth grade to the making out of bills and other business forms, so that in case the pupils leave school without entering the High school, they shall know how to do ordinary business with despatch. The Book-keeping has also helped in this particular, and it has seemed that the penmanship has been more improved by these exercises than by the ordinary practice given in connection with the regular writing exercise.

White's Arithmetics are used, beginning with the highest grade in the primary school, but not to the exclusion of extra work upon the black-board taken from different arithmetics and original work by the teachers. It has been found that pupils very readily do work when the operations are indicated by signs, but fail as soon as a problem is given which has to be reasoned out before performing the operations. To



cultivate the reasoning powers of the pupils, much work has been done in Colburn's Mental Arithmetic in addition to the oral exercises which precede each new topic in the regular text book. Where this method has been most faithfully followed, the best results have naturally been obtained.

## READING.

The law requiring free text-books went into operation in August, 1884. It was estimated that books would last about three years. Our books have had that length of trial and are in a fair state of preservation, excepting the readers for the lowest grades. A few first readers have been introduced during the year. But so constant is the use of these books from grade to grade in the different schools that a general renewal will have to be made this year in order to have a sufficient number of entire copies to supply the schools. No one can doubt the feasibility of supplying a sufficient quantity of supplementary reading when he looks into the faces of the children and sees with what eagerness a new book is received. Our supply of supplementary reading in connection with geography and history is quite limited, and a larger number of such books as we have on these subjects together with new ones, would assist our work very much. It seems necessary to know these facts in making out the estimates for the necessary appropriation for text-books and supplies for the coming year. "How We are Governed," introduced during the last year in the ninth grade, is giving general satisfaction both from the style in which it is written for a reading book and from the practical information gained in regard to our government, before taking it as a regular study in the High school. I would recommend that this same kind of work should be done in the sciences in connection with the reading lesson. Many of our pupils will never take a thorough course in science, and many of the general facts could

be learned from simply reading them, with perhaps a little work at home on simple experiments. A taste for science might be cultivated which would be an incentive to enter the High school for more extended study.

The method of teaching reading by some of the new teachers has been greatly improved during the year. More attention has been paid to the expression, and vocal drill has been a prominent feature in many of the schools. In connection with the matter of reading, I cannot refrain from noticing the interest which the teachers, in the village especially, have taken in selecting good books from the library for their pupils to read, some of them having marked copies of the library catalogues in the school-room at the disposal of all who may wish to select good books. The reading room in connection with the library has been a source of enjoyment and profit which the scholars have appreciated as the numbers sitting at the reading tables will amply testify.

## GEOGRAPHY.

My hearty thanks are due to the committee for appreciating and supplying the need of maps in the prosecution of this study. Every school in town is now supplied with some good maps up to the present date. So far as the amount appropriated for this object would allow, additions have been made to the series of maps we had, as far as Asia, beginning with our own country and continent. As many of the schools do not get so far as Asia in the subject, they are practically fully supplied, while some schools will need a few more maps to complete the list. We are slowly changing the old edition of the text-book for the new, which is a great improvement as it brings the facts up to a more recent date, and the new book is written in a more pleasing style. By this arrangement we are getting new books at a slight expense.

## HISTORY.

Nothing in particular was said about this study in last year's report, but it has not been neglected. The work during the last year has been more definitely arranged and assigned from the fact that our experience had taught us what an average class could do, and also that new, fresh material might be at the disposal of each grade when the subject was taken up each year. Our course of study requires American History to be taught by means of readings and talks, beginning in the sixth grade. We have assigned for that year the whole of Goodrich's Child's History and the Eclectic Primary History. Beginning with the seventh grade, we have assigned the leading facts to be taught by topics from Higginson's history complete. In the eighth and ninth grades, we introduce the large Eclectic History as a basis, with Scudder's, Barnes', and any other as collateral reading. All lessons to be given by topics and a more minute study of what has been taken during the two preceding years. We hope and expect by this method to have the general facts of history in mind at the end of the sixth and seventh grades, and to be thoroughly conversant with United States History at the close of the Grammar school course.

## MUSIC.

We have done what we could in this branch with the helps we had to use, but we shall do better work now that we are supplied with books and a few charts. A long felt need has been supplied by the recent introduction of The National Music Course by Luther Whiting Mason, formerly supervisor of music in the public schools of Boston, and recently director of music for the Empire of Japan. We had in the schools but four charts and less than a dozen music books belonging to the town. We have introduced of the new series four charts and enough first readers to supply all the schools

outside of the village and the First Primary in the village. All the grades above the Primary in the village are supplied with the second music reader. We have thus made a beginning and our plan is to transfer the second book into the schools outside of the village as soon as they shall be ready for them, and then introduce the third book in the series. This apportionment has been made after the most careful study of the advancement made by our schools, and we predict that in the course of a few terms our pupils will be doing as good work as in other places where music is systematically studied. Great care has been exercised in selecting teachers to secure if possible those who could teach the rudiments of music, and we have been successful in nearly every case. In buildings where there is more than one teacher, we have found one peculiarly fitted for teaching music and by exchanging work have secured good results in every room. Particular mention ought to be made of those teachers who, feeling their inability to teach this branch successfully, have availed themselves of the assistance of private teachers and the public singing school in order to do good work.

### DRAWING.

It seems to be the general testimony of those who have seen the specimens of the last year's work in drawing, that we have never had on exhibition so good a display. The work in the High school has been almost entirely from the object, with original designs and a little copying. In a large degree has it been practical work, no set copy-books having been used. I desire to call the attention of the committee to the revision of the system of drawing which we now use as being better adapted for the work in our schools. The work seems less difficult and better graded.

## CONCLUSION.

This has been a busy year for your Superintendent. In addition to the ordinary work of visiting every school once a month, of obtaining and disbursing supplies, attending your meetings and writing the records thereof, making out the pay-rolls and having charge of the finances, constantly on the lookout for good teachers with the abundant correspondence, making out certificates and reports to town, state, and nation, adjusting as kindly as possible grievances which will arise, the furnishing of the new building and the transfer to Union street, have been a great tax. Among these manifold duties, I have nothing but thanks to render to the Committee for their cooperation and support, without which it would have been impossible to have done the work. Nor am I unmindful of the extra burdens and annoyances which have been laid upon you, for which a grateful people must render thanks.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD P. FITTS,  
*Superintendent.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Dec. 31, 1887.



## APPENDIX.

Number of Schools.	Term.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.
2	1	Lucia F. Keith, .....	19	18	16
	2	Lillie H. Thornton, .....	18	14	13
	3	" " .....	23	17	16
3	1	{ Mary E. Frink, .....	23	21	17
	2	{ Mary E. Deane, .....	29	28	26
	3	" " .....	35	31	28
4	1	Annie M. Keith, .....	30	26	21
	2	" " .....	27	24	22
	3	" " .....	32	28	25
6	1	Annie H. Weston, .....	18	17	15
	2	" " .....	19	18	16
	3	{ Annie H. Weston, .....	19	18	16
8	1	{ Gertrude M. Robinson, .....	17	17	14
	2	Irene S. Nightingale, .....	20	18	17
	3	Laura M. Pease, .....	26	21	19
10	1	Ella F. Kilbreth, .....	22	21	17
	2	Nellie F. Thomas, .....	21	20	17
	3	" " .....	17	16	15
11	1	Emma Wentworth, .....	9	9	6
	2	" " .....	7	6	6
	3	Mary L. Osborne, .....	12	10	9
12	1	Rose M. Eastman, .....	24	22	20
	2	Mary W. Wentworth, .....	23	22	19
	3	" " .....	17	16	15
13	1	Jennie Bennett, .....	30	28	25
	2	" " .....	37	34	30
	3	" " .....	40	31	29
14	1	George W. Dempsey, .....	35	31	25
	2	" " .....	35	25	23
	3	" " .....	35	29	26
16	1	Grace D. Beattie, .....	15	12	11
	2	" " .....	20	17	15
	3	" " .....	18	15	14
17	1	Lurana W. Thomas, .....	12	10	6
	2	" " .....	11	10	8
	3	" " .....	10	9	7
18	1	John P. Arnold, .....	85	83	75
	2	" " .....	78	72	68
	3	" " .....	56	51	50
	1	Lizzie J. Wilson, .....			
	2	Irene S. Nightingale, .....			
	3	" " .....	38	34	33
	1	A. A. Lovell, .....	61	59	55
	2	" " .....	54	48	44
	3	" " .....	51	45	44



	Number of Schools.	Term.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.
School Street.	{	1	Abbie F. Brett,.....			
		2	“ “ .....			
		3	“ “ .....	41	36	35
	{	1	{ Fannie W. Richards,.....	74	71	63
		2	{ Mary E. Frink,.....			
		3	“ “ .....	69	63	53
	{	1	Julia Mansfield, .....			
		2	“ “ .....			
		3	“ “ .....	70	63	59
	{	1	Lucy T. Haskell, .....			
		2	“ “ .....	61	59	51
		3	“ “ .....	61	48	43
	{	1	Millie A. Rhodehouse,.....	39	38	32
		2	Rose M. Eastman,.....	38	32	27
		3	“ “ .....	36	33	26
	{	1	Abbie A. Gurney,.....	37	36	30
		2	“ “ .....	46	41	36
		3	“ “ .....	39	29	27
	{	1	Lillian F. Simmons,.....	45	40	30
		2	“ “ .....	55	41	33
		3	May A. Allen,.....	53	44	37
19	{	1	Lucia A. Drake, .....	27	25	19
		2	“ “ .....	33	31	27
		3	“ “ .....	36	32	27
	{	1	May A. Allen,.....	15	14	11
		2	“ “ .....	14	14	13
		3	Annie F. Blackman,.....	11	11	10
21	{	1	Mary A. Livingstone,.....	21	17	14
		2	“ “ .....	23	20	17
		3	“ “ .....	36	27	24
High School.	{	1	A. K. Potter,.....	69	67	65
		2	“ “ .....	62	62	58
		3	“ “ .....	104	100	99
	{	1	Zilpha Chace,.....			
		2	“ “ .....			
		3	“ “ .....			
	{	1	Mary Chace,.....			
		2	“ “ .....			
		3	“ “ .....			

# FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## *Trustees of the Public Library,*

JANUARY, 1888.

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### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

#### *To the Trustees of the Public Library:*

The fourteenth annual report of the Librarian of the Middleborough Public Library is herewith respectfully submitted, showing the result of the Library work for the year ending January 1, 1888.

The record book shows 290 days open to the public, in which 19,700 volumes have been delivered; the largest circulation for any day being 197, while the smallest number loaned has not been less than 20. The Library at present numbers on its catalogue 4,580 volumes, and is undoubtedly in as good, if not better condition than ever before. In October, at the time of our removal to a new room, each book was examined as carefully as possible, and 118 were sent to the binders, 22 discarded as worn out, and 17 of the discarded ones were replaced by new ones.

The change from the old to the new room necessitated a few new rules, which our reading public have quite generally conformed to, and I would thank the pupils of the public schools who patronize the Library and Reading Room for their uniform courtesy and good conduct while in the room, and for their readiness to comply with new rules and regulations.

Books loaned have all been returned. At this writing, 3767 cards have been issued. Covered, numbered and labelled during the year, 1244 books.

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER,

Librarian.

January, 1888.

Of the books added during the year, 87 volumes were donated by the late Cephas G. Thompson, of New York, comprising among the number a set of 47 quarto volumes of Rees' Cyclopaedia, formerly belonging to his father, Mr. Cephas Thompson, the once well-known portrait artist, of this town, and which were published about seventy-five years ago. Representative Robert T. Davis, and Senator George F. Hoar have kindly remembered the Library in their distribution of public documents, many of which are of special interest and value. Fewer books than usual have been added by purchase during the year, as the available funds have been drawn upon quite heavily in fitting up the new library room.

The room formerly occupied by the High school having been vacated in July, it was, in accordance with a vote of the town, put in repair and painted by the Town House committee and turned over to the Library trustees, by whom it was fitted up for the use of the Library. The new fittings and furniture, while not particularly elaborate or expensive, appear to be just suited to the purposes intended. A reading table was placed in the room for the periodicals furnished, and a revolving book-case for the reference books most frequently consulted, and an additional small table for the convenience of those wishing to consult the catalogues. We believe that we now have a library in which our people can take some pardonable pride, and one that will compare favorably with other public libraries, except in those places that have been fortunate enough to have fine buildings erected by generous friends regardless of cost, and donated to them. The entire expense of removing, refitting and refurnishing, has been met

from the regular annual appropriation for the Library. The figures may be found in the financial statement.

The reading room portion of the Library is now kept open daily from 9 to 12 A. M., and from 2 to 8 P. M., for those who wish to read the papers and magazines or to consult the reference books. The library is open for the delivery of books from 4 to 8 P. M., as heretofore. The value of the reading room facilities to the people of the town, or, even, the whole library, will depend exactly upon the use made of them. With a good selection of reading matter and valuable books of reference, a pleasant and well-lighted room, it is fair to expect that the library will increase in popularity and value to the reading public.

The following is a list of the periodicals to be found regularly upon the table :

American Agriculturist,	Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office,
Art Interchange,	Outing,
Atlantic Monthly,	Overland Monthly,
Century,	Popular Science Monthly,
Congressional Record,	Public Opinion,
Eclectic Magazine,	Scientific American, and Supplement,
Forum,	St. Nicholas,
Godey's Magazine,	Scribner's Magazine,
Harper's Magazine,	Swiss Cross,
Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine,	Traveller's Record,
Magazine of American History,	Wide Awake,
Manifesto,	Woman's Magazine.
Martha's Vineyard Herald,	
New England Magazine,	
North American Review,	

A card catalogue of the books added to the library is in course of preparation, which will be placed in the library as soon as it can be done without involving too much additional expense. A supplementary catalogue will be put into the printer's hands as soon as it can be got ready.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand at last report, .....	\$297.21
Received from Town Treasurer, "dog money," and "other licenses," .....	683.76
Received from fines, .....	42.65
"    from sale of catalogues, .....	2.00
"    for "cards" sold, .....	6.00
"    for old library case, .....	4.00
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	\$1,035.62

Paid Librarian for services, .....	\$200.00	
For assistance and substitutes, .....	25.45	
For rebinding books, .....	25.70	
Houghton & Mifflin, for books, .....	5.50	
Estes & Lauriat, for books, .....	67.63	
John Shaw, for books, .....	47.80	
R. A. Fowler, for books, .....	5.50	
For papers and magazines, .....	67.30	
For express, postage, stationery, etc.,...	7.35	
For library cards, book braces and rests,	7.98	
For rubber stamps and daters, .....	4.50	
For cleaning room, .....	2.00	
For labor and material for fitting up new room, .....	336.39	
For painting, .....	51.59	
For gas pipe, chandeliers, etc., .....	45.08	
For wire work and express on same, ....	30.00	
For new desk and freight on same, .....	19.55	
For chairs and settees, .....	29.80	
For lettering windows, .....	12.19	
For revolving book-case, and freight, ....	19.25	
For table and freight, .....	7.90	\$1,018.46
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Balance on hand, .....		\$17.16

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees.

JOSEPH E. BEALS,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1887-8.

GEORGE BRAYTON,  
JAMES M. COOMBS,  
JOSEPH E. BEALS,

Term expires in 1888.

EVERETT ROBINSON,  
E. S. HATHAWAY,  
AMOS H. EATON,

Term expires in 1889.

WILLIAM R. PEIRCE, President.  
CALVIN D. KINGMAN,  
W. H. SOUTHWORTH,

Term expires in 1890.



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1st, 1888.*

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Voted by the town for the Support of	
schools, .....	\$11,000.00
For incidental school expenses, .....	1,500.00
School books, .....	1,000.00
Superintendent's salary, .....	1,000.00
Support of poor, .....	4,750.00
Support of insane, .....	1,300.00
Repairs of highways, .....	5,000.00
New roads and special repairs, .....	4,050.00
Clearing the highway of snow, .....	500.00
Town officers, .....	2,000.00
Incidental expenses, .....	700.00
Sprinkling streets, .....	200.00
Night watch, .....	730.00
Lighting street lamps, .....	200.00
Military aid, .....	600.00
G. A. R. for Memorial Day, .....	150.00
Town house committee, .....	600.00
Sewer extension on Main street, .....	650.00
Prevention of crime, .....	1,000.00
Board of Health, .....	200.00
Water supply to fire district, .....	1,500.00
Sidewalks, .....	1,000.00
Completing High School building, grad-	
ing ground and sewer, .....	2,600.00

## Services of Committee on High School

building, .....	375.00	
Appropriated for last year's deficiency,..	1,800.00	
Town debt,.....	5,000.00	
Interest, .....	1,000.00	\$50,305.00
Tax voted to be assessed,.....	\$35,830.00	
State tax, .....	3,712.50	
County tax, .....	3,320.03	
Overlaying,.....	1,462.89	\$44,325.42

## HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

## NORTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Amount.
No. 1.	Levi F. Tinkham,.....	\$948.21
2.	S. S. Lovell,.....	444.88
3. }	J. G. Vaughan, <del>X</del> .....	575.03
4. }		
5.	T. J. Pratt,.....	106.56
6.	I. E. Macomber, .....	69.53
7.	J. A. Shaw,.....	83.15
8.	Albert F. Reed, .....	185.62    \$2,412.98

## EAST SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Amount.
No. 1.	B. C. Shaw, .....	\$83.79
2.	Wm. C. Swift, .....	74.61
3.	A. H. Soule,.....	111.39
4.	Isaac Bryant, .....	74.62
5.	A. W. Smith,.....	25.90
6.	A. J. Wood,.....	100.02
7.	H. A. Thompson,.....	161.24
8.	Arad Covington,.....	86.34
9.	Z. Sturtevant,.....	126.77
10.	Richard Carter,.....	140.96
11.	Aaron Berry,.....	95.80
12.	L. B. Pratt,.....	169.65    1,251.09

## SOUTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Amount.
No. 1.	N. S. Cushing,.....	\$145.00
2.	S. T. Weston, .....	100.01
3.	John Witham,.....	219.83
4.	{ John W. Flamsburg,.....	67.60
	{ John H. Ryder,.....	4.96
5.	Jeremiah Reed,.....	140.00
6.	Elnathan Sherman,.....	161.35
7.	Josiah H. Vaughan,.....	193.92
8.	Lorenzo T. Millen,.....	90.50
9.	Lorenzo T. Millen,.....	164.79
10.	Joseph M. Robbins,.....	90.32
11.	J. H. Thomas,.....	94.78
12.	Ichabod B. Thomas,.....	140.00
Total,.....		<u>1,613.06</u>
		\$5,277.13

## SNOW BILLS.

L. F. Tinkham,.....	\$230.89
S. S. Lovell,.....	90.97
J. G. Vaughan,.....	27.30
Edwin Holmes,.....	13.75
George H. Shaw,.....	5.00
T. J. Pratt,.....	48.00
Samuel Sturtevant,.....	9.00
I. E. Macomber, .....	4.65
Charles E. Pratt,.....	12.00
Albert F. Reed,.....	6.80
Lorenzo T. Miller,.....	9.37
Jeremiah W. Reed,.....	27.80
John E. Smith,.....	7.00
J. M. Robbins,.....	2.94
Elnathan Sherman,.....	24.00
Tyler Peirce,.....	16.70
N. S. Cushing,.....	8.00
Andrew A. Bisbee, (1886,).....	35.10
S. T. Weston, .....	30.00

Josiah H. Vaughan,.....	18.10	
Isaac N. Vaughan,.....	3.40	
Arad Thomas,.....	34.65	
John Witham,.....	7.20	
Zadock Sturtevant,.....	2.60	
A. W. Smith,.....	13.60	
L. B. Pratt,.....	39.15	
A. H. Soule,.....	14.45	
H. A. Thompson,.....	8.80	
Arad Covington,.....	3.20	
Aaron Berry,.....	5.90	
Richard Carter,.....	8.25	
Henry E. Bryant,.....	8.10	
Isaac Bryant,.....	14.30	
William C. Swift,.....	36.00	
Henry W. Snow,.....	9.80	
Albert J. Wood,.....	2.80	
B. C. Shaw, .....	25.60	\$865.17

#### NEW ROADS AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

John B. Carver, for building road at Morey hill, .....	\$415.00
John B. Carver, building extension of Vine and Lovell sts.,.....	344.90
Albert W. Smith, for building a part of Fuller st.,.....	294.50
L. F. Tinkham, on Grove st.,.....	190.64
“ “ on Union and Main sts.,...	112.17
S. S. Lovell, on Lovell st.,.....	48.38
“ “ Courtland st.,.....	405.93
“ “ Everett st.,.....	46.28
J. G. Vaughan, special repairs on Plymouth street, .....	365.23
J. G. Vaughan, on Nemasket hill and Bridges,	238.13
J. G. Vaughan, one-half on Vaughan's bridge,	26.39
J. G. Vaughan, on Alms House bridge,.....	16.05
J. G. Vaughan, on Snow's bridge,.....	80.08

A. T. Savery, on Brook st., .....	4.50	
Wm. C. Swift, on Plymouth and Carmel sts.,	101.75	
Aaron Berry, on Precinct st., .....	16.00	
H. A. Thompson, on Thompson st., .....	67.17	
Z. Sturtevant, on Snow's bridge, .....	16.00	
John H. Paun, on Vaughan's bridge, one-half of cost, .....	24.91	
J. E. Beales, on Everett st., .....	30.00	
T. J. Pratt, on Plymouth st., .....	6.00	
J. H. Vaughan, on Walnut st., .....	8.75	
N. S. Cushing, on Beach st., .....	25.00	
N. S. Cushing, on bridge on Carver line, ....	6.75	
J. W. Reed, on Pond st., .....	13.00	
S. T. Weston, on Rocky Gutter st., .....	20.75	
J. A. Shaw, on Clay st., .....	26.15	
Albert F. Reed, on Bedford st., .....	76.74	
J. W. Flamsburg, on Hyland and Spruce sts.,	166.74	
L. T. Miller, on Wareham st., .....	100.00	
Elnathan Sherman, on Smith st., .....	3.62	
B. C. Shaw, on Rocky Meadow st., .....	8.76	
Edwin Holmes, freshet bill, (1886) .....	165.55	
N. B. Wood, on Alden's bridge, freshet bill, (1886) .....	51.00	
LeBaron Foundry Co., for land taken on extension of Vine st., .....	250.00	
John O. Donald, for land taken on exten- sion of Vine st., .....	100.00	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber for bridge, .	71.77	\$3,944.59

## GRAVEL BILLS

Wm. C. Smith, .....	\$ .93	
L. B. Pratt, .....	15.00	
Aaron Berry, .....	6.36	
T. J. Pratt, .....	16.20	
Richard Carter, .....	8.25	
J. M. Leonard, .....	16.00	
Lewis Eaton, .....	19.00	
Mrs. Adnah Jackson, .....	16.00	
Hartley Wood, for land for gravel, .....	30.00	\$127.74

## SIDEWALKS.

Paid L. F. Tinkham,.....	\$161.25	
S. S. Lovell,.....	222.85	
J. G. Vaughan,.....	26.98	
T. J. Pratt,.....	57.41	
J. Q. Morton,.....	6.00	
L. B. Pratt,.....	15.00	
M. O. Rounseville, on Peirce, Benton and Union sts., .....	221.62	
Geo. C. Richards, setting curbing, ....	19.15	
Domestic Plumbing Co.,.....	16.21	\$746.47

## CONCRETING.

Paid Shiverick & Thomas,.....	\$787.21
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## SPRINKLING STREETS.

Paid L. E. Thomas, .....	\$200.00
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## NIGHT WATCH.

Paid A. Baker, .....	\$730.00
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## LIGHTING STREET LAMPS.

Paid A. Baker, .....	\$96.00
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## BOARD OF HEALTH.

James A. Burgess, .....	\$77.30	
M. H. Cushing, for lime,.....	1.50	
W. H. Haskell, Vet. Surgeon, for examining C. F. Shaw's ox, .....	6.00	
Thomas Smith, for burying dog,.....	1.00	
L. F. Tinkham, for cleaning cesspools, &c.,	37.76	\$123.56

## SEWER ACCOUNT.

James L. Jenney, for work and material at sewer outlet,.....	\$70.30	
P. B. Blake, engineer's services for exten- sion of sewer on Main st.,.....	191.04	
Domestic Plumbing Co., do,.....	606.76	\$868.10



## SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

C. D. Kingman,.....	500.50	\$500.50
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## TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

H. A. Sparrow, for painting and cleaning rooms for town library, &c.....	\$313.95	
N. D. Wilbur, for gas,.....	214.03	
W. B. Hammond, for gas,.....	86.10	
Washburn & Parker, for coal,.....	250.15	
James L. Jenney, for coal,.....	30.00	
Lorenzo Tinkham, repairs on door, &c.,....	2.13	
J. & G. E. Doane, for sundries,.....	21.01	
Oliver White & Co., wire guard,.....	7.48	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber,.....	26.78	
W. H. Southworth, for chandeliers,.....	19.10	
Le Baron Foundry Co., for castings,.....	2.18	
John T. Washburn, for work on chimney, &c.,	16.29	
W. B. Wood, bill for sundries,.....	33.75	
W. B. Wood, Janitor's services,.....	468.00	\$1,490.95
Received for rents,.....	\$793.00	
Appropriated by the town,.....	600.00	1,393.00

## GUIDE BOARDS.

Paid J. G. Vaughan, for posts,.....	\$2.00	
John Witham, for boards,.....	8.35	
R. E. Southworth, for boards,.....	6.00	\$16.35

The Guide Boards are generally in good condition in the town. Several boards are needed where there are none now, and a number need to be repainted or replaced with new ones. We recommend for this purpose an appropriation of \$100.00.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. T. Thatcher, treasurer and collector,	\$550.00
C. T. Thatcher, for returning marriages, births and deaths,.....	61.00

C. T. Thatcher, for attending town meeting, administering oaths, on State Aid account, and recording road returns, .....	16.00	
Joseph T. Wood, selectman and assessor's services, .....	309.75	
Albert T. Savery, selectman and assessor's services, .....	229.50	
Sylvanus Mendall, selectman and assessor's services, .....	255.00	
Andrew C. Wood, overseer of the poor,	109.50	
Sylvanus Mendall, overseer of the poor,	46.40	
C. T. Thatcher, overseer of the poor, ..	20.00	
Mrs. A. V. Wood, school committee, for taking census of children, .....	40.00	
James Cole, constable services, .....	20.40	
L. M. Alden, constable services, .....	28.50	
S. Mendall, constable services, .....	11.20	
L. M. Alden, special police services, ..	13.00	
S. Mendall and others, .....	21.10	
S. S. Lovell and others, .....	30.00	
Jas. A. Burgess, .....	16.00	
Jas. A. Burgess, truant officer, .....	31.00	
S. Mendell, truant officer, .....	3.00	
N. King, moderator, .....	15.00	
N. King, registrar, .....	16.25	
T. C. Collins, registrar, .....	16.25	
C. T. Thatcher, registrar, .....	16.25	
C. H. Carpenter, registrar, .....	16.25	
Wm. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up, .....	18.00	
Joseph E. Beals, teller, .....	5.00	
Jas. H. Weston, teller, .....	5.00	\$1,919.35

#### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Jas. M. Coombs, printing town report,	\$105.00
Jas. M. Coombs, printing bill, .....	122.75
W. W. Wood, printing bill, .....	100.00
H. L. Thatcher & Co., .....	6.41

John Shaw, stationery,.....	10.91	
Thomas W. Peirce, for drain pipe, &c.,	135.84	
J. & G. E. Doane, " " " "	93.64	
Sarah T. Barrows, for injury on account of defect in sidewalk on Main st.,..	475.00	
James Sharp, for injury on Barden hill,	50.00	
O. Whitney, for injury on Centre st.,..	40.00	
Carle W. Maxim, for injury on Peirce st.,	50.00	
Dennis D. Sullivan, for injury on Cam- bridge st.,.....	3.50	
Ariston Hayward, injury on highway,..	5.25	
F. M. Vaughan, services of committee on school accommodations,.....	7.10	
Elnathan Sherman, committee on stone crusher,.....	8.75	
James A. Thomas, committee on stone crusher,.....	10.60	
W. H. Southworth, on case of Hazeltine vs. Middleborough,.....	8.00	
Andrew Freeman, for moving wall,....	14.00	
George Soule, for returning deaths,....	15.25	
C. H. Paine, for leveling streets,.....	21.00	
P. D. Leonard, half of cost of painting Woodard's bridge,.....	12.00	
J. K. Bishop, fire ward services,.....	11.00	
J. G. Vaughan, for damages crossing land, &c.,.....	6.25	\$1,312.25

# RECAPITULATION.

APPROPRIATED FOR		Unexpended in 1886.	Overdrawn in 1886.	Total.	Expended.	Overdrawn.	Unexpended.
Highway Repairs,.....	\$5,000.00		\$581.16	\$4,418.84	\$5,277.13	\$858.29	
New Roads and Special Repairs,.....	4,050.00		297.56	3,752.44	3,944.59	192.15	
Snow Bills, .....	500.00	\$59.31		559.31	865.17	305.86	
Sidewalks, .....	1,000.00	431.61		1,643.89	1,533.68		\$110.21
Received from abutting owners, .....		212.28					
Sprinkling streets,.....	200.00			200.00	200.00		
Lighting street lamps,.....	200.00	36.00		236.00	96.00		140.00
Town Officers and Incidental Expenses,.....	2,700.00		230.72	2,469.28	3,231.60	762.32	
Night Watch, .....	730.00			730.00	730.00		
Board of Health, .....	200.00	22.55		222.55	123.56		98.99
Town House Committee, ....	600.00			1,471.46	1,490.95	19.49	
Received from Rents,.....	793.00						
Error in last year's account for Janitor's services	78.46						
Sewer account,.....	650.00	417.25		1,112.25	868.10		244.15
Received for entering Sewer,.....		45.00					
Water supply,.....	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00		
Suppression of Crime, .....	1,000.00			1,000.00	500.50		499.50
Gravel, .....					127.75	127.75	
Guide Boards, .....			36.00		16.35	16.35	
Military Aid, .....	600.00			564.00	641.80	77.80	
	\$19,801.46	\$1,224.00	\$1,145.44	\$19,880.02	\$21,147.18	\$2,358.01	\$1,092.85

## ESTIMATE FOR A TAX.

For Support of Schools,.....	\$11,500.00	
Incidental School Expenses,.....	2,000.00	
School Books,.....	1,000.00	
Superintendent's Salary,.....	1,000.00	
Support of Poor,.....	4,800.00	
Support of Insane, .....	1,300.00	
Repairs of Highways,.....	5,000.00	
New Roads and Special Repairs, .....	2,500.00	
Town Officers,.....	2,000.00	
Incidental Expenses,.....	700.00	
Clearing Highways of Snow,.....	500.00	
Sprinkling Streets, .....	200.00	
Night Watch,.....	730.00	
Lighting Street Lamps, .....	200.00	
Military Aid, .....	600.00	
G. A. R. for Memorial Day,.....	150.00	
Town House Committee, .....	600.00	
Water Supply for Fire District, .....	1,500.00	
Town Debt, .....	5,000.00	
Interest, .....	2,000.00	
Board of Health, .....	200.00	
Sidewalks, .....	600.00	
For deficiency, as voted by the town,....	4,675.00	\$48,755.00
Less Corporation Tax, estimated,.....	5,700.00	
		<hr/> \$43,055.00

## FISH ACCOUNT.

## DR.

Received for inspection from towns on Taun-		
ton River,.....	\$130.00	
Sale of Fish,.....	150.00	
Due from the State Fish Commissioners for		
expenses paid on fish way and putting		
Fish over the dam,.....	18.89	\$298.89

## CR.

Paid James A. Burgess for inspection at	
East Taunton,.....	130.00
B. W. Bump, services as Fish Warden,	21.70

G. E. H. Lovell, services as Fish Warden,.....	13.00	
L. M. Alden, services as Fish Warden,	28.00	
E. Sproate's Estate, for rent of land for fish houses, 2 years,.....	8.00	
John R. Merrick, services as Fish Warden,.....	9.90	
George E. Parker, for labor and lumber for fish way, .....	5.09	\$215.69
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Balance of Receipt, .....		\$83.20
No. of Fish taken in 1887,.....		201,635

## ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT.

No. of Polls,.....		1554
Personal Valuation,.....	\$ 439,385	
Real Estate Valuation, .....	2,308,445	\$2,747,830
Rate of Taxation, \$15.00 on one thousand.		
No. of Horses taxed,.....		735
Cows taxed,.....		775
Sheep taxed, .....		28
Swine taxed, .....		198
Neat Cattle, other than Cows,.....		425
Houses taxed, .....		1138
Acres taxed, .....		38,358
Resident Taxpayers,.....		1725
Persons paying tax on property, ...		1021
Persons paying only Poll tax,.....		704
Valuation of Buildings, exclusive of land,..		\$1,305,205
Land, exclusive of buildings,..		1,003,240

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

## ASSETS.

Cash on hand,.....	\$10,623.72	
Due on Taxes, .....	7,567.00	
From State for Military Aid,.....	641.80	
State Aid, .....	1,775.00	\$20,607.52



## LIABILITIES.

Balance due on Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, July 9, 1873, at 5 per cent. interest, .....	\$1,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Aug. 13, 1880, at 5 per cent. interest,	1,600
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, June 15, 1885, at 5 per cent. interest,	3,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, June 27, 1885, at 5 per cent. interest,	1,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Aug. 1, 1885, at 5 per cent. interest,	1,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Aug. 5, 1885, at 5 per cent. interest,	1,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Sept. 1, 1885, at 5 per cent. interest,	500
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Dec. 1, 1886, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 2 years, .....	5,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Dec. 1, 1886, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 3 years, .....	5,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Feb. 3, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 4 years, .....	5,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, March 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 5 years, .....	5,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, April 16, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 6 years, .....	5,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, June 1, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 7 years, .....	5,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, July 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 8 years, .....	5,000

Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Dec. 1, 1887, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest, payable in 9 years,.....	5,000	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Dec. 19, 1887, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest, payable in 1 year, .....	4,675	\$53,775
Due Town Officers and other demands, (es- timated), .....	1,000	
Due for Interest, (estimated), .....	375	
Probable Loss on Taxes, .....	500	1,875
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Total Liabilities, .....		\$55,650
Total Assets, .....		\$35,042.48
Balance of Liabilities, .....		20,607.52

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	}	Selectmen and Assessors of Middleborough.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		
SYLVANUS MENDALL,		

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 15th, 1888.

## LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, viz. :

William F. Atwood,  
Harrison W. Atwood,  
F. Austin G. Atwood,  
Jared F. Alden,  
Andrew Alden,  
John S. Benson,  
Howard M. Bishop,  
Joseph E. Beals,  
Samuel S. Bourne,  
George F. Bryant,  
Grover Bennett,  
Nathaniel S. Cushing,  
Thomas C. Collins,  
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,  
Amos D. Clark,  
Charles F. Cornish,  
George S. Clark,  
Frederic P. Chase,  
Orrin E. Deane,  
Israel H. Denham,  
Ezra C. Earle,  
George A. Earle,  
Lucius M. Fuller,  
George T. M. Gammons,  
Francis B. Gibbs,  
Foster A. Harlow,  
Clarence L. Hathaway,  
Israel T. Hathaway,  
William M. Haskins,  
James L. Jenney,  
B. Frank Jones,  
Nahum W. Keith,  
Charles W. Kingman,  
Eugene P. Le Baron,  
Thomas J. Le Baron,  
Ezra S. Leonard,

Cornelius H. Leonard,  
Nathan B. Maxim,  
Isaac E. Macomber,  
Lorenzo T. Miller,  
Andrew W. Miller,  
Joseph P. McCulley,  
Luthan B. Murdock,  
Ebenezer Pickens,  
Augustus Pratt,  
Herbert A. Pratt,  
Isaac E. Perkins,  
Thomas S. Phinney,  
John H. Ryder,  
Alonzo F. Ryder,  
Albert T. Savery,  
Elnathan Sherman,  
Warren H. Southworth,  
George L. Soule,  
Augustus H. Soule,  
Josiah C. Shaw,  
Albert W. Smith,  
Henry W. Sears,  
David S. Surrey,  
James M. Sampson,  
Philander W. Thompson,  
Josiah H. Thomas,  
John B. Thomas,  
Lazell E. Thomas,  
Ichabod B. Thomas,  
Alvin P. Vaughan,  
Edward F. Wood,  
Albert J. Wood,  
Warren Wood,  
William B. Wood,  
Kenelm Winslow,  
Edward F. Witham.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	}	Selectmen of Middleborough.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,		
SYLVANUS MENDALL,		

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 14, 1888.

# REPORT

## OF THE

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

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Net amount of money drawn from the Treasury,		\$5,600.13
Received as follows, viz.: from		
City of Lynn, .....	\$10.35	
City of Taunton, .....	177.00	
Town of Lakeville, .....	89.63	
“    Hanson, .....	66.50	
“    Rochester, .....	17.00	
“    Cohasset, .....	3.75	
State Treasurer for state paupers, .....	11.05	
On account of state aid, .....	72.00	447.28
Produce from the farm sold, .....		250.05
		\$6,297.46

Paid out as follows, viz.:

For support of paupers in the Alms-house, .....	\$1,843.97
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### OUT OF ALMS-HOUSE.

Paid Mrs. Allen Pratt, .....	\$48.00
“    Caroline M. Packard, .....	82.50
“    Andrew B. Perry, .....	42.50
“    James E. Richmond, .....	76.00
“    Lydia Loomis' children, .....	5.00
“    Charles Murray, .....	91.50
“    Stillman B. Morse, .....	23.00
“    Thomas Perkins, .....	20.25
“    Andrew Leonard, .....	37.11

Paid Mrs. Nelson F. Cole,.....	12.00	
“ Albert Elliot,.....	106.59	
“ Azel T. Eaton,.....	42.00	
“ Harriet McLaughlin,.....	52.00	
Paid Susan Bowlin, .....	36.00	
“ Sally C. Benson,.....	55.00	
“ Rachel W. Thomas,.....	71.00	
“ Betsey C. Cobb, .....	54.00	
“ Patience C. Benson,.....	33.00	
“ Emerson P. Morse,.....	24.00	
“ David Shurtleff, .....	7.50	
“ Charles G. Howes,.....	70.33	
“ Milton Reed, .....	52.00	
“ Clark Shurtleff,.....	49.00	
“ E. Bell,.....	4.00	
“ Martin F. Jefferson,.....	22.00	
“ Wendall White,.....	36.85	
“ Fred Wilmot, .....	1.90	\$1,155.03
Paid City of New Bedford for aid furnished		
John Croacher,.....	\$2.00	
City of Lawrence for aid furnished Lydia		
Jones, .....	48.00	
City of Boston for aid furnished Hannah		
Madden, .....	10.32	
Town of Wareham for aid furnished Phin-		
neas Haskins,.....	82.00	
Town of Wareham for aid furnished Sam-		
uel F. Haskins,.....	6.50	
Town of Falmouth for aid furnished Clara		
S. Carr,.....	96.00	
Town of Sandwich for aid furnished Henry		
H. P. Lovell,.....	84.60	
Town of Westport for aid furnished		
Rosalie Thyng,.....	52.00	
Town of Yarmouth for aid furnished Mrs.		
Isaac Simmons,.....	9.00	
Town of Fairhaven for aid furnished Al-		
fred O. Standish,.....	14.00	404.42

## In Taunton Lunatic Hospital :

Paid for Mrs. Emma K. Glancy,.....	\$21.79	
For Judith Witherell,.....	55.25	
For Thomas J. Shaw,.....	115.27	
For George R. Deane,.....	167.40	
For Patrick Murphy,.....	145.75	
For William H. Cushman,.....	95.81	
For Henry R. Tribou, .....	13.93	\$615.20

## In Northampton Lunatic Hospital :

Paid for Joanna O'Keefe,.....	181.97
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## In Worcester Lunatic Hospital :

Paid for George Wallen,.....	645.30
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## In Bridgewater Asylum :

Paid for George Wallen,.....	47.36
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## In State Industrial School :

Paid for Anna M. Harlow,.....	34.57
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Paid aid furnished those having settlements in  
other places :

George W. Brackett, Lynn,.....	28.79	
Mrs. Hiram Hatch, Taunton.....	29.40	
Ephraim E. Wilbur, Taunton,.....	104.00	
Emma Taber, Rochester,.....	16.00	
Tamer B. Willis, Hanson,.....	59.50	
Mrs. George B. Wentworth, Plymouth,..	130.87	
Edwin R. Braley, Lakeville,.....	70.00	
George Powers, Cohasset, .....	7.25	
Joseph Rose, .....	10.00	
T. E. Kinder,.....	18.91	474.72

Paid Thomas W. Peirce, for lamps,.....	\$11.25
George Soule, for chairs and table,.....	21.70
Jones Bros., for curtains and carpeting,.	52.18
Tucker Mfg. Co., for bedsteads and mat- tresses, .....	58.90
Jas. L. Jenney, for coal,.....	130.24
Warner Alden, for masonry,.....	61.50



Charles A. Howes, for weather strips,...	2.25	
A. C. Wood, for expense out of town on account of paupers, .....	6.90	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, for professional ser- vices one year, .....	50.00	
E. S. Lovell and wife, for services for one year, .....	500.00	894.92
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		\$6,297.46
Whole number in the Alms-house during the year,	282	
Transient, .....	257	
Remaining the whole time, .....	17	
Present number, .....	21	
Number of weeks for one person, .....	1,095	
Transient, .....	38	
Average number, .....	21	
Average expense per week, including Superin- tendent's salary, .....	\$2.14	
Average expense per week, excluding Superin- tendent's salary, .....	1.68	
Amount of real estate Jan. 1, 1888, .....	\$8,975.00	
Amount of personal estate Jan. 1, 1888, .....	1,949.32	\$10,924.32
Amount of real estate Jan. 1, 1887, .....	\$8,070.00	
Amount of personal estate Jan. 1, 1887, .....	1,986.53	\$10,056.53
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Increase over last year, .....		\$867.79

#### INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE.

Farm, 90 acres, with buildings, .....	\$8,000.00	
Thompson wood lot, 9 acres, .....	240.00	
Macomber wood lot, 22 acres, .....	400.00	
Haskins wood lot, 10 acres, .....	85.00	
Thomas Wood wood lot, 4 acres, .....	250.00	\$8,975.00

## INVENTORY OF PERSONAL ESTATE.

16 tons English hay, at \$15 per ton,.....	\$240.00
2 tons corn fodder, at \$10 per ton,.....	20.00
$\frac{1}{4}$ ton rye straw, .....	2.50
1 ton coal,.....	7.00
62 bushels corn, at 75 cents, .....	46.50
16 bushels rye, at 75 cents, .....	12.00
3 bushels beans,.....	7.50
1 bushel potatoes, .....	1.00
8 bushels turnips,.....	3.60
2 bushels beets, .....	1.00
300 lbs. meal,.....	4.20
1100 lbs. shorts,.....	14.00
150 lbs. feed, .....	2.10
800 lbs. pork,.....	80.00
60 lbs. lard,.....	6.00
20 lbs. butter,.....	6.00
10 lbs. dried apples, .....	1.00
100 lbs. hams,.....	13.00
6 cords dressing, .....	50.00
8 cords wood in wood-house, .....	32.00
$1\frac{1}{2}$ M. shingles,.....	5.00
10 bbls. apples, .....	15.00
7 cows, \$210; 1 yearling calf, \$20, .....	230.00
12 pigs, \$72; Horse, \$40; Sleigh, \$5,.....	117.00
27 hens and 4 ducks, \$14.50; Roller, \$20, ...	34.50
Ox wagon, \$30; ox cart, \$30,.....	60.00
Horse cart, \$5; farm wagon, \$30, .....	35.00
Express wagon, \$35; covered wagon, \$40,...	75.00
Harnesses, \$25; lumber, \$15,.....	40.00
Wolf robe, \$7; gun, \$3; brass pump, \$6,....	16.00
Corn planter, \$3; Thomas harrow, \$9, .....	12.00
Seed planter, \$2.50; grindstone, \$5, .....	7.50
2 wheelbarrows, \$3; wood saws and axes, \$2.50,	5.50
Iron feed boxes, \$3; farming tools, \$40, ....	43.00
4 bags, 80c.; feed sacks, 50c.; lime, 50c.,...	1.80
Pop corn, \$1.50; disinfectant, \$2; crash, \$1.25,	4.75
Ice chest, \$9; 2 carpets, \$30,.....	39.00

6 silver spoons, \$5 ; sheeting, 60c., .....	5.60	
Beds, bedding and bedsteads, .....	350.00	
Tables, stoves and furniture, .....	250.00	
Clothing, \$5 ; bread machine, \$3.25, .....	8.25	
5½ yds. oil cloth, \$2.62 ; flour, \$5, .....	7.62	
Crackers, \$3 ; tea, \$1.25 ; sugar, \$1, .....	5.25	
Cabbages, \$1 ; soap, \$1 ; molasses, 50c., ....	2.50	
Oil, 40c. ; medicine, \$2 ; coffee, \$1, .....	3.40	
Paints and oil, \$3 ; salt, \$1.25, .....	4.25	
Spices, \$1 ; cranberries, \$2, .....	3.00	
Lamps, \$15 ; barrels, \$4.00, .....	19.00	\$1,949.32

#### AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

Hay, .....	15 tons.
Corn fodder, .....	4 “
Corn, .....	158 bushels.
Potatoes, .....	30 “
Beets, .....	5 “
Onions, .....	2 “
Tomatoes, .....	3 “
Turnips, .....	5 “
Parsnips, .....	2 “
Peas, .....	6 “
Beans, .....	7 “
Cranberries, .....	2 “
Apples, .....	125 barrels.
Cabbage, .....	140 heads.
Pork, .....	1,909 pounds.
Butter, .....	231 “
Milk, .....	2,013 gallons.
Eggs, .....	216 dozen.
Chickens, .....	25
Pigs, .....	20
Calves, .....	5

The year has come around again when we make our annual report, and we thought it might be well to make a statement of some things pertaining to the Alms-house and its inmates.

We moved into the new house February 1st, 1887, and it has not (at the making of this report,) been occupied quite a year. The house is a comfortable one, and the appointments meet all our expectations.

The heating is good and meets the wants of all connected with the house, and more than anticipates our expectations as regards heat and expense, keeping thirty-five or more rooms, besides the halls, warm day and night at an expense not exceeding 200 pounds of coal per day.

The inmates are old and feeble, (the most of them), one being 86 and two over 80 years of age, and six over 70 years of age. Of the fourteen male inmates that have been there most of the time the past year, only four or five have been able to do any work, as they are old and feeble: the other nine or ten have had to be waited upon more or less. Of the nine females only two have been able to do any work, and they do what they can; the others have to be cared for, hardly going out of their rooms, consequently we have to hire some help in the house and some outside to keep every thing in its proper place.

We tried the experiment of taking two of our chronic insane from the Hospital the sixth of last May, and they have been at the Alms-house since. Insanity is mild, but can do no labor, and they have to be waited upon; cannot care for themselves. We have no more that we could move at present.

The expense at the Alms-house this year has been more than some years, as there has been more expenditure for furnishing the house with permanent furniture, beds and bedding, to take the place of worn out and useless material, and also some other improvements which will last for some time; the care of the insane and feeble has been more than for a long time.

The expense for the insane for the past year has exceeded our appropriation, owing in part by the bills of one inmate at the Hospital not being presented last year, amounting to \$645.30, which we have had to pay this year, and the increase of insanity in other ways.

We did think the barn would last a few years longer, but it has given out so much the last year that we have to come before the town and ask an appropriation of \$1,200, being the amount we saved on the house appropriation, and put with the old buildings that are

there, would build what is wanted for convenience and durability. It is not prudent nor economical to repair the old buildings, and we must do something soon or the old barn will fall down as it gives away every hard wind.

The present Superintendent, Mr. E. S. Lovell and his wife, have been there most 11 years, and supply the wants of the Overseers and inmates to our satisfaction.

The citizens of the town and other places have visited the Alms-house more the past year than ever before, and we are pleased to have them do so, and especially would we like to have the tax payers and all others who are friends to the poor and interested in their welfare call as often as they can find it convenient.

A. C. WOOD,	}	Overseers
SYLVANUS MENDALL,		of
CHAS. T. THATCHER,		the Poor.

# REPORT

## OF THE

# TOWN TREASURER,

ENDING DEC. 31, 1887.

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DR.

Cash received as follows :

On hand as per last year's report,.....	\$5,284.10
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax,.....	4,394.36
"      "      for bank tax,.....	1,304.02
"      "      for school fund,.....	208.01
"      "      for state aid,.....	2,270.75
County Treasurer, for dog licenses for 1886,.....	625.26
"      "      refunded for killing dogs,.....	7.00
Patrick Cleary, for peddler's license, .....	11.00
Patrick J. Clark, for peddler's license,.....	11.00
C. Winsor, for license,.....	.50
Circus, for license,.....	15.00
I. F. Atwood, for auctioneer's license,.....	2.00
Austin Lovell, for auctioneer's license,.....	2.00
Barnabas Sears, for auctioneer's license, for 1 mo.,	1.00
Middleborough Savings Bank,.....	44,675.00
New England Trust Co., for interest allowed on deposits, .....	131.66
Town of Lakeville, for one-half expense repairing Vaughan's bridge, .....	26.39
George W. Dempsey, for paper bought of Atlantic Paper Co. and charged in bill to school com- mittee, .....	3.00
Overseers of the Poor,.....	447.28
Town House Committee,.....	93.54
Wm. L. Maxim, for old lumber,.....	9.00



A. W. Kelley, for herrings,.....	150.00
Elbridge Cushman, for tuition,.....	10.00
Chas. M. Maxim, for tuition, .....	10.00
N. Miller Sampson, for tuition,.....	20.00
Wm. H. Marshall, for tuition,.....	10.00
I. T. Wilbur, for tuition,.....	10.00
Town of Rochester, for tuition,.....	10.20
S. F. O'Hara, for use of sewer,.....	15.00
John Shaw, for use of sewer,.....	15.00
Dr. H. S. B. Smith, for use of sewer,.....	15.00
P. H. Peirce & Co., for concreting,.....	22.00
Wm. S. Andrews, for concreting,.....	27.22
Francis M. Sherman, for concreting,.....	13.00
John Shaw, for concreting,.....	21.08
Luther B. Murdock, for concreting,.....	13.83
Joseph E. Dixon, for concreting,.....	11.42
Chas. E. Leonard, for concreting,.....	103.73
From the following cities and towns on account of fish:	
Taunton, \$30; Fall River, \$10; Dighton, \$20;	
Freetown, \$10; Raynham, \$20; Somerset, \$20;	
Berkley, \$20, .....	130.00
Old taxes belonging to former Collector,.....	236.55
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	\$60,365.90
Collector of taxes,.....	43,768.29
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	\$104,134.19

## CR.

Paid Selectmen's orders,.....	\$19,694.03
School Committee's orders,.....	15,464.81
Town House Committee's orders, .....	971.79
Board of Health orders,.....	123.56
Overseers of the Poor orders,.....	6,047.41
Building Committee of new school-house,.....	18,314.85
Building Committee of Alms-house,.....	2,964.68
Notes and interest,.....	18,965.25
State aid, chapter 301, .....	1,775.00
Military aid, chapter 252,.....	1,283.60
L. M. Alden, for G. A. R.,.....	150.00

County Treasurer, for county tax,.....	3,321.03
State Treasurer, for state tax,.....	3,712.50
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, dog licenses for 1886,.....	625.26
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, other license money,.....	58.50
N. Y. & B. D. Express Co.'s bill,.....	4.95
Envelopes, stamps, pens, postal cards, P. O. box rent, &c., .....	33.25
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	\$93,510.47
Cash on hand,.....	10,623.72
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	\$104,134.19

C. T. THATCHER,  
Treasurer.

# REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

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Taxes unpaid for 1881, as per last report,	\$67.14
“ “ “ 1882, “ “	164.07
“ “ “ 1883, “ “	244.68
“ “ “ 1884, “ “	594.53
“ “ “ 1885, “ “	1,791.80
“ “ “ 1886, “ “	4,634.07
“ committed in 1887,	44,334.57
Interest and summonses received,	441.83 \$52,272.69

CR.

Taxes remaining unpaid for 1882,	\$21.33
“ “ “ 1883,	86.51
“ “ “ 1884,	204.74
“ “ “ 1885,	793.28
“ “ “ 1886,	1,502.53
“ “ “ 1887,	4,958.61
Assessors' orders,	937.40
Cash paid Town Treasurer,	43,768.29 \$52,272.69

C. T. THATCHER, Collector.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 11, 1888.

The undersigned committee chosen by the town to settle with its treasurer and collector, hereby certify that they have attended to their duty and find the accounts correct and properly vouched for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

EVERETT ROBINSON.

## STATE AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

Bumpus, Marcus,	\$36	McMann, James E.,	12
Bliss, Alphonzo,	54	Morse, Ezra,	18
Benson, Paulina R. Mrs.,	12	Norveill, Mrs. Susan,	48
Crosby, Asa F.,	72	Perkins, Mrs. Calista,	48
Dorr, Amos L.,	72	Phillips, Calvin T.,	48
Fagan, Peter,	115	Rogers, Mrs. Mary N.,	44
Gammons, Thomas G.,	36	Sherman, Mrs. Eliza B.,	48
Gibbs, Stephen S.,	18	Shaw, William B.,	72
Goldsboro, John F.,	40	Shaw, William N.,	72
Glancy, Bernard,	72	Shaw, George H., 2d,	12
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta,	48	Scanlan, John,	72
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.,	48	Smith, Christopher C.,	19
Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth,	48	Tinkham, Mrs. Sarah A.,	48
Haskins, Harrison,	54	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.,	48
Jefferson, Martin F.,	30	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey D.,	48
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah C.,	4	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha W.,	48
Jennings, Mrs. Harriet E.,	48	Williams, Mrs. Marcia C.,	8
Knowland, John B.,	48	Westgate, Edward S.,	36
Lane, Benjamin F.,	80	Wood, Jacob,	3
Lucas, Abner,	16		
Mellen, Charles E.,	72		<hr/> \$1,775

## MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

Bisbee, Sylvanus,	\$60.00	Raymond, Frederick R.,	72.00
Cole, Nelson F.,	60.00	Ryder, Stephen C.,	24.00
Dean, George R.,	154.60	Raymond, Marcus M.,	88.00
Gibbs, Abiel,	32.00	Standish, Alfred O.,	90.00
Glidden, Benjamin R.,	70.00	Smith, Hercules,	18.00
Gay, Erastus E.,	4.00	Vaughan, Cyrus M.,	39.00
Harlow, Reuben,	48.00	Wright, Winfield S.,	96.00
Lovell, Henry H.,	72.00	Wilmot, Thomas E.,	60.00
Morse, Artemas,	72.00	Williams, Samuel,	44.00
Morse, Emerson,	120.00		
Mann, John E.,	48.00		<hr/> \$1,283.60
Peirce, Edwin,	12.00		

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## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1887.

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.
Jan. 1	Elisha H. Murdock,	Carver,	Susan A. Southworth	Carver.
1	Oliver S. Bailey,	Middleboro',	Priscilla W. Thomas,	Middleboro'.
6	Edgar A. Baxter,	"	Sadie E. Gay,	"
8	Alexander G. Harvey	"	Ella M. Atwood,	So. Carver.
21	Henry T. Maxim,	"	Bessie A. Gammons,	"
23	Fred'k A. McFarlin,	Carver,	Nettie E. Thomas,	Middleboro'.
Feb. 3	Abner W. Snow, Jr.,	Middleboro',	Jueletta S. Taylor,	"
Mar. 6	Charles E. Cross,	"	Annie W. Harwood,	Bridgewater.
21	John F. Goldsboro,	"	Rozena Franks,	"
Apr. 5	John W. McLean,	"	Jennie H. Angus,	Brockton.
6	Bradford T. Westgate	"	Nellie J. Barrows,	Middleboro'.
6	Charles H. Morss,	Portsmouth, N.H.	Myra M. Brayton,	"
7	Franklin H. Shaw,	Carver,	Nannie A. Griffeth,	Carver.
10	John J. Beaton,	Wareham,	Nettie C. Hagarty,	Wareham.
21	Nathaniel K. Angus,	Halifax,	Nannie E. Hollis,	Halifax.
24	Lewis J. Shaw,	Carver,	Mary L. Smith,	Middleboro'.
27	Samuel Shaw,	Middleboro',	Abbie Morrill,	"
27	Alfred A. Tobey,	"	Esther F. Austin,	"
May 3	William F. Day,	Lawrence,	Maria A. Petit,	"
4	Marshall F. Gibbs,	Middleboro',	Deborah C. Fuller,	"
11	Dana Harrison Shaw	"	Nellie W. Peckham,	Carver.
20	Augustus E. Cobb,	Plympton,	Emily E. Osborn,	Halifax.
June 4	William W. Bearse,	Middleboro',	Emily D. LeBaron,	Middleboro'.
12	Alfonso Westgate,	Freetown,	Ida F. Haskins,	Freetown.
12	George H. Crocker,	Plympton,	Annie L. Blanchard,	Plympton.
15	Alexan'r R. Gurney,	Middleboro',	Alice W. Loring,	Wareham.
15	Herbert E. Smith,	"	Lottie E. Briggs,	Plympton.
27	Webster C. Bassett,	Wareham,	Abby H. Cannon,	Middleboro'.
30	E. Joseph Kelley,	Middleboro',	Clara S. Doty,	"
30	Marcus A. Merrick,	"	Mary J. Shields,	"
July 6	George E. Freeman,	Plymouth,	Lucia C. Cobb,	Kingston.
17	Phillip M. Callan,	Providence,	Delia C. Dorr,	Middleboro'.
26	Edward S. Cassidy,	Plymouth,	Susan H. Chamberlain	"
31	William Eastham,	Taunton,	Sarah A. Goff,	Taunton.
Aug 13	Robert S. Peppard,	Middleboro',	Agnes McDonald,	Middleboro'.
27	Frank W. Hudson,	Carver,	Edith L. Hall,	"
Sept. 3	Ellis L. Walker,	Providence.	Euph. W. Blackstone,	Freedom, Me.
7	Willston B. Chandler	Middleboro',	Bessie W. Ward,	Middleboro'.
15	Edgar W. Tinkham,	"	Margaret A. Walker,	Bridgewater.
22	Charles H. Maxim,	"	Lizzie A. Wallen,	Wareham.
22	William F. Clark,	"	Sophia M. Carlson,	Middleboro'.
Oct. 13	John Severson,	"	Marietta A. Dean,	"
13	Leonard Mitchell,	Bridgewater,	Mary Richmond,	"
16	Loring A. Braley,	Rochester,	Abby C. Bennett,	Rochester.
20	James McQuade,	Middleboro',	Katie Higgins,	Middleboro'.
26	Alvin C. Howes,	Sandwich,	Clara F. Leonard,	"
31	Francis J. Russell,	Middleboro',	Minnie M. Frost,	"
Nov. 2	Henry T. Clark,	"	Grace M. Staples,	"

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1887.

CONTINUED.

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.
Nov. 2	Rufus H. Raymond,	Middleboro',	Lillie J. Caswell,	Plymouth.
4	Charles S. Phinney,	"	Emily A. Hersey,	Lakeville.
12	Bernard Kraus,	"	Mary Rudolph,	Middleboro'.
14	Patrick J. O'Hare,	"	Hannah Spellman,	"
24	Nelson C. White,	"	Susie Prime,	"
24	George E. Gorham,	"	Cynthia M. Potter,	Marion,
Dec. 7	Arthur H. Leonard,	"	Lizzie L. Shaw,	Middleboro'.
14	Gilbert H. Simmons,	"	Hattie S. Marvell,	"
17	Lemuel M. Leonard,	"	Sarah Welden,	"
21	Frank W. Hastay,	"	Hattie E. Perkins,	"
21	Fred E. Vining,	"	Mary A. Williams,	"
22	Elmer F. Shaw,	"	Alice M. Eaton,	"
24	Henry L. Pratt,	Plymouth,	Myrtle L. Sherman,	Carver.
25	Cephas F. Thomas,	Middleboro',	Nellie F. Cuzner,	Middleboro'.
26	Patrick Keaveny,	"	Katharine Lunney,	"
28	Alfred M. Cushing,	"	Flora M. Shurtleff,	Carver.
31	John M. Cushman,	"	Julia H. Tobey,	Middleboro'.



## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1887.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.	Maiden Name.
Jan. 3	Mattie E. Keedwell,	George H. and Anna,	Barnwell.
3	Dorothy L. Crossin,	William H. and Etta,	Kelley.
10	Bertha L. Rudolph,	Louis and Mary E.,	Morris.
22	Ruth H. Peirce,	Charles T. and Helen W.,	Curtis.
Feb. 1	Gertrude F. Morrill,	Elmer E. and Agnes,	Brady.
7	James Mullen,	John and Mary,	Houlihan.
8	Grace F. D. White,	William S. and Ella A.,	Tucker.
16	Joseph A. Carver,	Joseph and May B.,	Caswell.
18	Barrows,	L. Addison and Nora.	Bumpus.
19	Helen Grenquirt,	Charles F. and Christina,	Nelson.
20	Margaret Sullivan,	John D. and Alice,	Wanamine.
21	George S. Clark,	George S. and Mary E.,	Henderson.
23	Flora L. Carter,	Thomas and Edith A.,	Morse.
27	William Snow,	David E. and Flora E.,	Bumpus.
Mar. 2	Dora A. McFarlin,	John W. and Alice F.,	Jefferson.
5	Thomas F. McManus,	Edward and Sarah,	Devine.
7	Geneva M. Whitemore,	Hiram and Nellie F.,	Huckins.
8	Earl W. Hoxie,	Willard L. and Alice A.,	Cummings.
10	John R. Sullivan,	Lawrence and Nellie,	Buckley.
11	Grace F. Sturtevant,	Samuel L. and Hannah F.,	Curtis.
12	Archie,	George W. and Addie,	Butterworth.
15	Clifford S. Dunham,	William F. and Bessie M.,	Maxwell.
17	Frederic McKeown,	William J. and Mary,	Wright.
19	Clara D. Eaton,	Albert H. and Eva G.,	Gardner.
20	Frank W. Davis,	C. Frank and Ella F.,	White.
27	William F. Boucher,	Thomas and Anna A.	Devine.
30	Mabel V. Perry,	George E. and Jennie F.,	Grinnell.
30	Landgrebe,	Ferdinand and Minnie C.,	Willig.
Apr. 3	Helen P. Wood,	George E. and Anna M.,	Sparrow.
9	Ethel M. Morse,	George E. and Mary E.,	Caswell.
18	Avis Hazelburg,	Arthur and Lucy,	White.
24	Arthur J. Bryant,	George F. and Roxanna E.,	Hagan.
27	Adelaide F. LeBaron,	Herbert and Elizabeth M.,	Kelley.
30	Mary S. Peirce,	Franklin E. and Lizzie P.,	Whitcomb.
May 1	Arthur G. Brackett,	George W. and Harriet,	Shaw.
2	Mary Thomas,	Antone and Mary,	Mellie.
6	Norris M. Macomber,	William B. and Carrie A.,	Tinkham.
7	Lilly L. Anderson,	Nicholas and Huldah C.,	Bodland.
9	Mary E. P. Vaughan,	D. Irving and Mary E.,	Shaw.
10	Harry L. Grant,	Henry L. and Elvira L.,	Vaughan.
12	Ethel M. Stinchfield,	Eben. A. and Abbie A.,	Atwood.
13	Nellie E. Dunham,	Samuel E. and Bessie W.,	Peterson.
17	Stanwood,	Gustave and Zandra,	Hoggland.
17	Josephine McNeal,	John and Rebeccah,	McLean.
21	Nellie M. McLane,	James F. and Sarah,	Godfrey.
22	Roby D. Cushman,	Charles A. and Sarah B.,	Cleveland.
28	Esther W. Whitcomb,	Wm. H. and Caroline M.,	Wright.
29	Mary Shaw,	Ebenezer A. and Betsey,	Dunham.
31	Ralph S. Pease,	Frank A. and Nellie F.,	Southworth.
Ju. 12	Henry L. Bailey,	Walter G. and Jennie E.,	Cross.
21	Clarence H. Wilber,	Ansel C. and Mary K.,	Weston.

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1887.

CONTINUED.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.	Maiden Name.
Ju. 25	Charles F. Alden,	Charles C. and Ida F.,	Richmond.
30	Eleazer T. Dunham,	Edward F. and Bessie A.,	Hazlett.
Jy. 13	Arthur L. McDonald,	Robert and Amy A.,	Wilcox.
14	Lillie A. Wolfe,	Henry E. and Agnes E.,	
18	Ethel M. Dustin,	Arlon R. and Mary E.,	Bisbee.
23	Elmer B. Clark,	Charles D. and Mary C.,	Taber.
27	Catharine S. Wilson,	Joseph H. and Maggie,	Flynn.
28	Leala G. Durant,	Frank and Joanna,	Barry.
31	Cordelia D. Richmond,	Elisha W. and Adeline M.,	Dellis.
Au. 17	Wales H. Andrews,	William A. and Mary W.,	Tilden.
17	Agnes C. Martin,	John M. and Jennie,	Stewart.
19	Henry Galligan,	James H. and Sarah A.,	Foley.
22	John G. Howes,	John W. and Lizzie C.	Crowell.
23	Mildred K. Glidden.	Amasa R. and Mary B.,	Pickens.
27	Samuel B. Keyes,	Samuel B. S. and Mary E.,	Bennett.
31	Ethel S. Bailey,	Oliver S. and Priscilla W.,	Thomas.
Sept. 1	Louisa B. Pratt,	L. Bradford and Sarah L.,	Tripp.
3	Martin P. Parker,	Edward H. and Fannie S.,	Stebbens.
4	George L. Anderson,	John F. and Emma,	Leonard.
7	Helen C. Smith,	Albert W. and Mary F.,	Hagen.
7	Gertie E. Baxter,	Elijah and Lydia F.,	Landers.
11	Arthur L. Bowman,	Abram L. and Mary C.,	Wood.
12	Joseph A. Short,	Frank and Camille,	Payotte.
15	Inez E. Smith,	Herbert E. and Lottie E.,	Briggs.
22	Ethel M. Howe,	John E. and Alice C.,	Phinney.
25	Roy M. Turner,	Charles W. and Annie M.,	Coffin.
26	Walter L. Shaw,	Walter A. and Lizzie E.,	Hunt.
30	Ralph L. Chamberlain,	William and Anna,	McKenzie.
30	James J. Shehan,	John B. and Mary,	Mullen.
Oct. 6	Malcolm McLeod,	Murdock and Anna,	Madison.
12	Willis V. Snow,	Henry W. and Sarah L.,	Jones.
18	George B. Washburn,	George H. and Alice C.,	Churchill.
18	Phineas P. Dorr,	George D. and Cynthia C.,	Baker.
29	Myra A. Clark,	Albert H. and Flora A.,	Densmore.
Nov. 2	George L. Swift,	Edgar F. and Julia A.,	Lee.
3	Henry E. Purden,	Edward J. and Deborah,	Flynn.
11	Harold T. Monroe,	Henry C. and Alvahretta J.	Thompson.
14	Ruth E. Eaton,	Alexander and Lizzie F.,	Alden.
16	Turnrose,	Otto H. and Anna C.,	Dalynest.
23	Herbert F. Drake,	Frank E. and Alice,	Pratt.
28	John Sullivan,	Dennis D. and Lucy H.,	Harrington.
30	Marian S. Wright,	James J. and Lizzie G.,	Norton.
Dec. 16	Ellis,	Thomas S. and Harriet C.,	Wilber.
27	Baker,	Bernard F. and Agnes H.,	Harrison.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1887.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan'y	4 George G. Fairbanks,	62	8	20	Brain Disease.
	4 Mrs. Lizzie Howe,	29			Consumption.
	8 Mark L. Jose,	74	7	14	Softening of Brain.
	10 Ira Thomas,	71	10	21	Bright's Disease.
	15 Clara M. Reed,	29			Consumption.
	16 Lizzie N. Washburn,	23	11	14	Consumption.
	29 Arvin N. Pratt,	84	2	19	Heart Disease.
	30 John Casey,	60			Heart Disease.
	31 Mrs. Anna S. Cushman,	78	9	12	Lung Fever.
Feb'y	8 Abner T. Wood,	29	5	23	Heart Disease.
	18 Mary L. Washburn,	41			Heart Disease.
	20 Mrs. Jane T. Grew,	61	10	21	Paralysis of Brain.
	21 Barrows,			3	Infantile.
	28 Mrs. Lydia B. Cushing,	81		9	Old Age.
Mar.	12 Christopher C. Briggs,	37	1	23	Consumption.
	15 Mrs. Clarissa Thomas,	81	3	10	Heart Disease.
	21 Alonzo G. Glidden,	37	8	9	Pneumonia.
	25 Mrs. Hannah Hooper,	96	3	2	Paralysis.
	26 Lucius I. Bumpus,	32	10	7	Consumption.
	31 Idella E. Raymond,	3	9	10	Diphtheria.
	31 Joanna Gibbs,	91	7	8	Old Age.
April	1 Mrs. Clarissa R. Soule,	83	8	13	Chronic Bronchitis.
	2 Willard Wood,	84	9	14	Cystitis.
	4 Albert Thomas,	82	6		Bronchial trouble.
	5 Zebulon L. Clark,	72	8	5	Chronic Cystitis.
	7 Mrs. Ruth Westgate,	81	2		Old Age and fall.
	7 Mrs. Henrietta Snow,	68			Pneumonia.
	12 Teale H. Edwards,	1		18	Marasmus.
	12 Gurtey H. Grenquirt,		2		Diarrhea.
	15 Mrs. Susan S. Standish,	66	3		Pneumonia.
	29 Joseph Roze,	20			Pneumonia.
	29 Mrs. Zilpha M. Warren,	61	8		Kidney trouble.
May	4 Mrs. Sophia C. Thomas,	65	7	20	Congestion of Brain.
	5 Chandler R. Smith,	90		6	Pneumonia.
	11 Mrs. Lucy S. Smith,	76	5	5	Paralysis of Hip.
	15 Mrs. Emma F. Keyes,	25	8	3	Heart Disease.
	15 Henry F. Tillson,	38			Phthisis.
	17 Andrew W. Leonard,	48	8		Consumption.
	19 Mrs. Eveline Sears,	75	3	7	Shock.
	19 Mrs. Flora A. Snow,	33	3	13	Lung Fever.
	20 Albert W. Elliott,	36			Consumption.
	23 Mrs. Alexandra Stanwood,	33	2		Child-bed Fever.
	26 Carl B. Thomas,	1	2	2	Measles.
	31 Mrs. Georgianna Hathaway	32	8	1	Consumption.
June	7 Myrick Haskins,	72	11	21	Heart Disease. [ach.
	9 Jacob G. Sparrow,	72	1	18	Pyloric Orifice of Stom-
	27 Carrie M. Lovell,	19	2	6	Tubercular Peritonitis.
	28 Ebenezer W. Drake,	69	1	16	Heart Disease.
July	30 Amelia Stanwood,		1	1	Cholera Infantum.
	8 Thomas W. Maddigan,	11	1	15	Drowned.
	8 Jennie L. Dunham,	19	7	14	Drowned.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1887.

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Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
July	2 Nahum D. Wilber,	56	1	12	Heart Disease.
	9 Mrs. Sally T. Morse,	83	3	26	Cancer.
	13 Dexter Leach,	73	5	12	Dropsy.
	14 Cyrus M. Vaughan,	71	9	22	Fracture of Skull, Con- cussion of Brain.
	16 Hiram N. Pratt,	57	7	3	Complication of Dis- eases.
	22 Mrs. Elizabeth L. Norton,	85		10	Heart Disease.
	24 George L. McMann,		1	7	Congestion of Liver and Heart Disease.
Aug.	1 Mrs. Mary Sidebottom,	70			Paralysis.
	2 Franklin R. Osgood,	51	4	19	Congestion of Brain.
	3 William F. Leahy,		8	2	Cholera Infantum.
	8 George D. Cleveland,	78			Old Age.
	19 Charles F. Alden,		1	24	Cholera Infantum.
	21 Wesley D. Burnham,	1	1	4	Cholera Infantum.
	22 Salem Shurtleff,	80	1	8	Dropsy.
	24 Charles F. Crapo,	20	4		Typhoid Fever.
	30 Edmund F. Pope,	74	6		Cystitis.
	31 William Reed,	67	8	21	Broken Neck and Frac- ture—Accidental.
Sept.	2 Mary Murphy,		5		Whooping Cough.
	3 Bennie Leonard,	27	10	12	Consumption.
	3 Joshua C. Jenney,	80		13	Softening of Brain.
	8 Eugene O. Batchelder,	24	2	27	Typhoid Fever.
	24 Herbert L. Hunt,	18	6	9	Consumption.
	29 Samuel B. Keyes,		1	2	Marasmus.
Oct.	5 Agnes K. Drake,	4			Meningitis.
	11 Earnest D. Sherman,	17	1	5	Congestion of Bowels.
	15 Hannah A. Miller,	82	8	12	Apoplexy.
	15 Zilpha Ryder,	73	11	17	Typhoid Fever.
	18 Mrs. Sarah H. Williams,	77	4		Heart Disease.
	20 Mrs. Lucetta B. Ewer,	85	10		Dropsy.
	23 Maggie Casey,	22	4	3	Consumption.
	23 Martin F. Jefferson,	57		14	Chronic disease of Liver
	24 Joseph L. Perkins,	28		7	Consumption.
	30 Mrs. Mary F. Glasse,	74	5		Bright's Disease.
Nov.	3 Ivory H. Thompson,	79	7	3	Heart Disease.
	7 Mrs. Susan C. Jones,	75	10		Consumption.
	7 Mrs. Mary T. Wood,	77	10	22	Disease of veins, ob- struction in leg, and consequent blood poisoning.
	10 William M. Tinkham,	69	6	27	Old Age.
	12 Cyrus Smith,	71	3	16	Spinal Disease.
Dec.	14 Mrs. Julia Edwards,	55	6	22	Ascites.
	21 Ida G. Cushman,	6	1	1	Scarlatina.
	24 Mrs. Alvahretta J. Monroe,	30			Child-bed Fever.
	3 Arthur I. Brackett,		7	2	Pneumonia.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN MIDDLEBOROUGH IN 1887.

CONTINUED.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Dec. 4	Andrew L. Tinkham,	55			Bronchitis.
9	Mrs. Lucy Hathaway,	75	4		Shock.
10	Edgar E. Dunham,	3	9	17	Scarlet Fever.
12	Mrs. Mary S. Weston,	64	10	15	Phthisis.
18	Clarence J. Cheney,	39			Congestion of Lungs.
21	Mrs. Louisa F. Thomas,	67	3	15	Spinal Disease.
23	Archie L. Dunham,	6	9	15	Scarlet Fever.
29	Dexter Phillips,	71	10	24	Heart Trouble.
31	Leala G. Durant,		5	2	Congestion of Lungs.



## SUMMARY.

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The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births and Deaths registered in Middleborough for the year 1887 :

### MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1887,	65
Oldest groom, 62.	Oldest bride, 58.
Youngest groom, 16.	Youngest bride, 15.
First marriage of 111 persons.	54 males, 57 females.
Second " 17 "	10 " 7 "
Third " 2 "	1 " 1 "
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130	65 couples.

### BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1887,	95
Males, 47.	Females, 48.

### DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1887,	108
Males, 59.	Females, 49.

#### AGES.

Stillborn,	6	Under one year,	10
Between 1 and 5 years,	6	Between 5 and 10 years,	2
" 10 " 20 "	5	" 20 " 30 "	11
" 30 " 40 "	10	" 40 " 50 "	2
" 50 " 60 "	6	" 60 " 70 "	12
" 70 " 80 "	22	" 80 " 90 "	13
" 90 " 100 "	3		

### DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1887,	374
Males, 346.	Females, 28.

C. T. THATCHER,  
Town Clerk.



# VOTE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, NOV. 8, 1887.

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## FOR GOVERNOR.

Oliver Ames, of Easton, .....	299
Henry B. Lovering, of Lynn, .....	205
William H. Earle, of Worcester, .....	76

## FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John Q. A. Brackett, of Arlington, .....	297
Walter E. Cutting, of Pittsfield, .....	56
Walter Cutting, of Pittsfield, .....	148
John Blackmer, of Springfield, .....	76

## FOR SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Henry B. Peirce, of Abington, .....	314
John F. Murphy, of Lowell, .....	189 <sup>a</sup>
Amos E. Hall, of Chelsea, .....	76

## FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL.

Alanson W. Beard, of Boston, .....	279
Henry C. Thacher, of Yarmouth, .....	220
John L. Kilborn, of Lee, .....	77

## FOR AUDITOR.

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield, .....	314
William F. Cook, of Springfield, .....	190
Edmund M. Stowe, of Hudson, .....	77

## FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Andrew J. Waterman, of Pittsfield, .....	314
John W. Corcoran, of Clinton, .....	189
Allen Coffin, of Nantucket, .....	77

## FOR COUNCILLOR FOR FIRST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT.

Jonathan Bourne, of New Bedford, .....	302
Charles H. Carpenter, of Middleborough, .....	200
Nehemiah P. Baker, of Falmouth, .....	77

FOR SENATOR FOR SECOND PLYMOUTH SENATORIAL  
DISTRICT.

Ziba C. Keith, of Brockton, .....	314
Hamilton L. Gibbs, of Brockton, .....	190
Walter D. Packard, of Brockton, .....	77

FOR COMMISSIONERS OF INSOLVENCY.

William H. Osborne, of East Bridgewater, .....	314
Frederick M. Bixby, of Brockton, .....	314
Otis L. Bonney, of Hanson, .....	267
Charles C. Davis, of Plymouth, .....	190
Loyed E. Chamberlain, of Brockton, .....	77

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

William Rankin, of Brockton, .....	314
Nathaniel S. Cushing, of Middleborough, .....	186
Nathan Beal, of Rockland, .....	77

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT FOR  
EIGHTH PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

Sidney T. Nelson, of Lakeville, .....	226
Eugene P. Le Baron, of Middleborough, .....	259
Benjamin F. Jones, of Middleborough, .....	78
Benjamin F. Jones, of Lakeville, .....	3
Benjamin F. Jones, .....	3
Charles Drake, .....	1

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT FOR  
EIGHTH PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

Nov. 28, 1887.

Sidney T. Nelson, of Lakeville, .....	298
Eugene P. Le Baron, of Middleborough, .....	305
Benjamin F. Jones, of Middleborough, .....	30

# TOWN WARRANT.

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## ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 12, 1888.

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. The following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz.: Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and Fish Wardens.

3d. To vote upon the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town. Ballots to be "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the present year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the present year, and determine when the same shall be assessed and how appropriated.

6th. To choose a Board of Auditors.

7th. To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer, and report the condition of the treasury.

8th. To vote the pay of their Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.

9th. To dispose of the town's right to take alewives the present year, and act anything thereon.

10th. To see if the town will vote that the yards of the persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen Pound Keepers.

11th. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their almshouse, and act anything thereon.

12th. To allow accounts against the town, and act anything thereon.

13th. To take action in relation to clearing the highways of snow the present year.

14th. To hear and act on the reports of any Officers or Committees of the town.

15th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

16th. To see if the town will pay the expense of a Night Watch, at the Four Corners, and act anything thereon.

17th. To see what action the town will take in relation to the lighting of the streets, and act anything thereon.

18th. To dispose of the money received for licenses the present year, and act anything thereon.

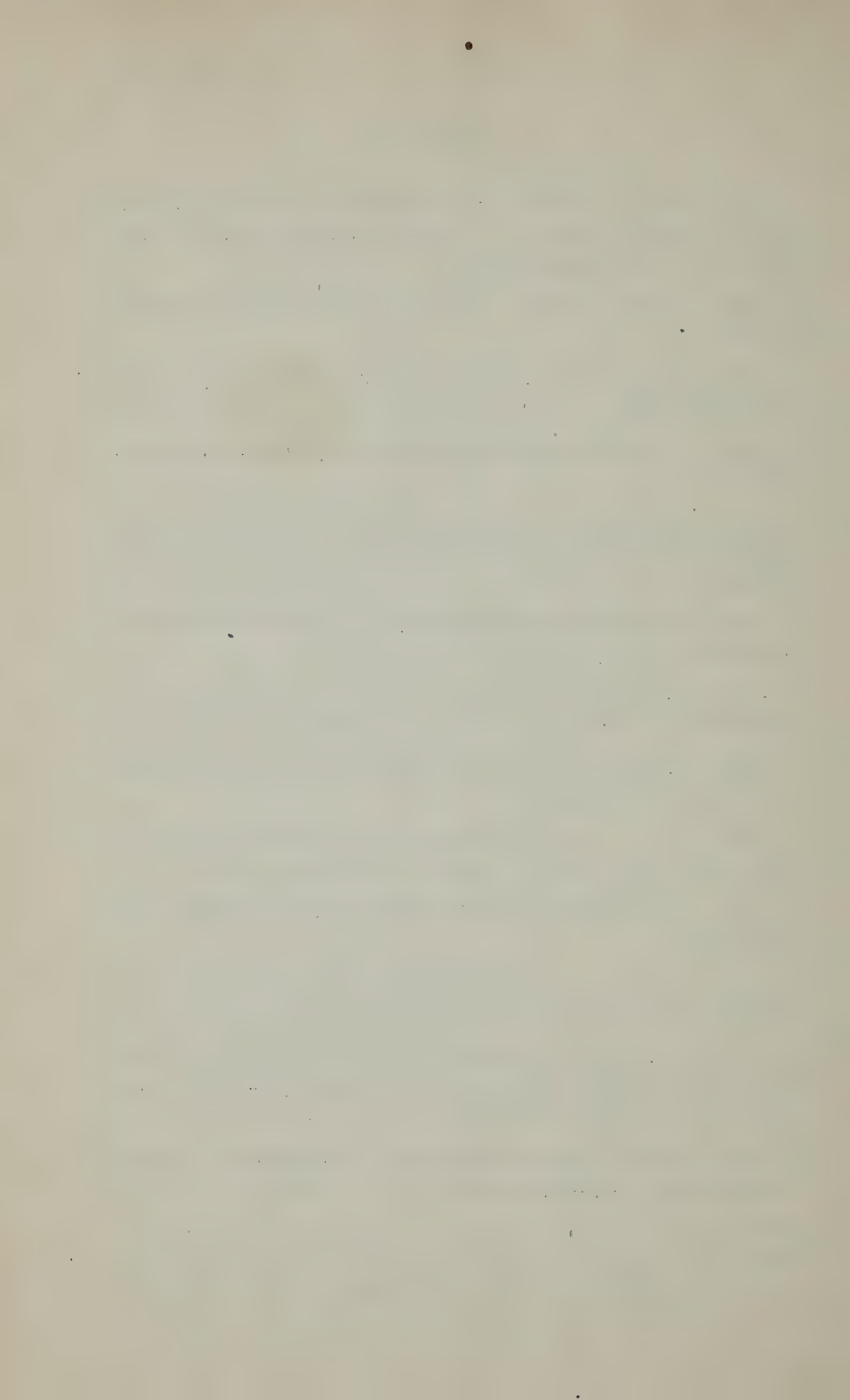
19th. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day.

20th. To take action on the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

21st. To see if the town will appropriate any money for the sprinkling of streets at the "4 Corners," and act anything thereon.

22d. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commission to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester and Freetown.

23d. To see if the town will insure its Almshouse and Schoolhouses, and act anything thereon.









ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
MIDDLEBOROUGH,  
FOR THE YEAR  
1888.

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MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS. ;  
MIDDLEBOROUGH GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.  
1889.

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TERM EXPIRES 1889.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN,

AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

TERM EXPIRES 1890.

AUGUSTUS PRATT,

ADELINE V. WOOD.

TERM EXPIRES 1891.

GEORGE L. ELLIS,

JAMES H. WESTON.

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## OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

GEORGE L. ELLIS, Chairman.

EDWARD P. FITTS, Secretary.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

EDWARD P. FITTS.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Teachers : Messrs. ELLIS and SULLIVAN and Mrs. WOOD.

On Supplies : Messrs. ELLIS, WESTON and SULLIVAN.

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## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Schools Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, SUPERINTENDENT.

Schools Nos. 3, 4, 6, Mrs. A. V. WOOD.

Schools Nos. 8, 16, and School Street, G. L. ELLIS.

Schools Nos. 20, 21, 22, AUGUSTUS PRATT.

School No. 2, AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

Schools Nos. 14, 19, and Union Street, J. H. WESTON.

High School, J. C. SULLIVAN.

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Office of Superintendent of Schools in the Town House, East Room.

Office Hours every school day from 8 to 9 A. M.

# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF MIDDLEBOROUGH :

Your School Committee beg leave to submit the following financial report, together with that of the Superintendent.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Roland Bunker, repairs, No. 20,.....	\$2.10
Roland Bunker, repairs, No. 21,.....	1.10
M. H. Cushing, supplies,.....	3.93
A. P. Vaughan, repairs at School st.,.....	1.25
A. P. Vaughan, labor and stock,.....	3.25
H. A. Sparrow, sundries,.....	9.20
Alden & Kelley, repairs, No. 8,.....	20.00
J. F. Shurtleff, repairs, No. 12,.....	1.00
W. B. Hammond, gas, Jan.,.....	3.15
W. B. Hammond, gas, Feb.,.....	3.00
Levi F. Tinkham, moving ashes,.....	4.50
J. A. Thomas, stock and labor, No. 14,.....	3.00
Middleborough Gazette, printing,.....	2.00
J. M. Coombs, printing annual reports,.....	15.00
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, faucet and valves,.....	2.55
W. B. Hammond, gas for Mar.,.....	3.00
W. B. Hammond, gas for Apr.,.....	.60
A. P. Vaughan, labor and stock,.....	3.65
J. H. Weston, labor and stock, Union st.,.....	12.30
F. B. Gibbs, paints, etc., No. 17,.....	10.76
W. B. Hammond, gas,.....	1.20
L. F. Tinkham, moving ashes,.....	3.65
E. P. Fitts, grading and seeding High School lawn,....	7.50
Hiram Whittemore, labor and stock, School st.,.....	780.00
Charles A. Wood, inscribing diplomas,.....	2.75
Domestic Plumbing Co., repairs, School st.,.....	4.26
L. Wood, labor, No. 4,.....	1.00

J. H. Weston, labor, School st.,.....	7.96
Warren Wood, repairs, Nos. 3 and 4,.....	62.51
H. N. Wilbur, repairs, No. 4,.....	38.82
Roland Bunker, repairs, No. 21,.....	6.00
Ira O. Littlejohn, labor, No. 14,.....	1.00
Mrs. Geo. Brackett, cleaning School st.,.....	1.00
William E. Bump, brooms,.....	2.00
A. P. Vaughan, labor, High School,.....	14.04
A. J. Wood, labor and stock, No. 6,.....	6.75
Chas. W. Trainer & Co., covering steam pipes,.....	200.00
J. H. Weston, labor at High School,.....	6.75
L. P. Thatcher, rent of piano to Sept. 1, 1888,.....	32.00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, No. 21,.....	6.74
Roland Bunker, labor, No. 21,.....	3.80
Josiah H. Thomas, labor, No. 8,.....	2.50
Total,.....	<u>\$1,297.57</u>

#### TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Marion P. Alden,.....	\$11.13
Della Barrows,.....	23.71
Agnes E. Bettridge,.....	10.90
Mattie Carter,.....	9.50
Mabel Clarke,.....	27.00
Edith M. Coffin,.....	18.10
Florence Dean,.....	11.70
Rena Dunham,.....	16.94
Jennie Gammons,.....	22.31
Sadie Morse,.....	9.55
W. L. Phinney, .....	18.50
H. H. Ryder, .....	16.94
Lucretia B. Shurtleff,.....	22.31
Olive A. Smith, .....	16.94
Granville E. Tillson,.....	16.94
Albert E. Frost,.....	22.31
Harry Harvey, .....	16.94

William F. Hill,.....	7.25
Annie M. Reed,.....	13.88
Alfred A. Shaw,.....	9.25
Alfred F. Shurtleff,.....	22.31
Chester E. Smith,.....	22.31
Arthur F. Thomas, .....	13.39
Addie Washburn,.....	21.76
Nellie F. Wood,.....	4.28
Arthur L. Aldrich,.....	2.58
Etta Atwood, .....	8.92
Clifford T. Cornish,.....	5.63
Addie Frank, .....	6.77
Albert F. Lee,.....	7.00
Jason F. Thurston, .....	6.77
R. May Tinkham,.....	2.35
Estella S. Barber,.....	6.77
Total,.....	<u>\$452.94</u>

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#### EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

School No. 2.....	\$302.00
“ “ 3.....	314.00
“ “ 4.....	319.35
“ “ 6.....	283.22
“ “ 8.....	309.20
“ “ 10.....	308.54
“ “ 11 (two terms) .....	144.80
“ “ 12.....	310.22
“ “ 13.....	313.28
“ “ 14.....	313.82
“ “ 16.....	311.05
“ “ 19.....	298.68
“ “ 20.....	271.60
“ “ 21.....	333.90
“ “ 18 (including one-half the fuel and proportion of Janitor's Salary in the H. S. building)	4,445.48



High School,.....	2,577.09
Tuition to Lakeville, to Feb. 24, 1888, .....	16.00
Tuition to Bridgewater, to Dec. 21, 1888,.....	47.10
Tuition to Carver, for 1887,.....	10.17
Total,.....	<u>\$11,229.50</u>

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Paid for Transportation from No. 22 to No. 21,.....	\$123.50
“ “ “ “ No. 1 to No. 2,.....	114.50
“ “ “ to No. 6,.....	24.90
“ “ “ from No. 11 to No. 10,.....	72.00
“ “ “ “ No. 17 to No. 16,.....	180.00
Total for transportation,.....	<u>\$514.90</u>

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#### TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

F. M. Ambrose,.....	\$3.34
Cowperthwait & Co.,.....	35.55
Boston School Supply, .....	43.75
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., .....	27.75
H. L. Thatcher & Co., .....	55.11
Atlantic Paper Co.,.....	46.42
Ginn & Co., .....	48.95
C. W. Clark,.....	9.86
The Thorp & Adams Mfg. Co.,.....	8.25
D. C. Heath & Co.,.....	34.89
Carl Schoenhof, .....	2.66
Thompson, Brown & Co.,.....	22.42
A. S. Barnes,.....	4.17
George L. Soule, .....	12.00
George S. Perry,.....	27.02
Thomas W. Pierce, .....	65.51
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., .....	23.35
Educational Supply Co.,.....	14.60
Interstate Publishing Co.,.....	3.75
E. E. Babb & Co., .....	36.95

Middleborough News,.....	1.50
Harper Bros.,.....	59.52
Clark & Maynard,.....	1.68
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,.....	.65
Harrison Hume,.....	10.50
A. P. Vaughan,.....	3.00
Thomas Hall,.....	7.75
Lee & Shepherd,.....	21.88
Geo. F. King & Merrill,.....	11.67
Jones Bros.,.....	2.55
James M. Coombs,.....	5.75
John Shaw,.....	4.90
J. & G. E. Doane,.....	60.63
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Total,.....	\$718.28
Balance Unexpended,.....	281.72

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#### FURNISHING HIGH-SCHOOL BUILDING.

Balance Unexpended,.....	\$81.09
A. P. Vaughan, outside doors,.....	42.43
A. P. Vaughan, storm windows and labor,.....	65.72
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	\$108.15
Balance overdrawn,.....	27.06

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#### SUMMARY.

General Appropriation,.....	\$11,500.00
Appropriation for Incidentals,.....	2,000.00
Appropriation for Text-Books and Supplies,.....	1,000.00
Balance of Appropriation for Furnishing High School,.	81.09
Received from Town of Bridgewater,.....	10.50
Received from the State,.....	204.85
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	\$14,796.44

Expended for instruction, fuel and care of school-houses,.....	\$11,229.50	
Expended for Incidentals, .....	1,297.57	
Expended for transportation to High School,	452.94	
Expended for other transportation,.....	514.90	
Expended for Text-Books and Supplies,...	718.28	
Expended for furnishing High School,.....	108.15	\$14,321.34
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Balance undrawn,.....		\$475.10

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The expenses for transportation steadily increase and it is thought by your committee that an account of these items should be kept separate from the incidental expenses as heretofore. Accordingly we respectfully submit the following as the sums necessary to carry on the work of the schools successfully during the coming year :

General Appropriation,.....	\$11,500
Transportation, .....	1,000
Text-Books and Supplies,.....	1,000
Incidentals,.....	1,500
Superintendent's Salary,.....	1,200

Having approved the following report of your Superintendent, we respectfully ask your attention to the same.

GEORGE L. ELLIS,  
JAMES H. WESTON,  
AUGUSTUS PRATT,  
MRS. A. V. WOOD,  
JOHN C. SULLIVAN,  
AUGUSTUS H. SOULE,  
*School Committee.*

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

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*To the School Committee of Middleborough:*

In accordance with your rules and regulations, which require that the Superintendent shall present at the end of each school year a written report embracing such statements, facts and suggestions as he considers advisable, I herewith present my report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

## STATISTICS.

Statistics to be of the most practical value should follow a similar line from year to year and for this reason, facts under this heading will follow the arrangement of last year, that you may more readily read the story which the figures tell for their comparative value.

Number of children between 5 and 15, May 1, 1888,        865  
 Number between 8 and 14,        .        .        .        .        539

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Whole number belonging,.....	787	786	762	859	842	827	843	831	831
Average attendance,.....	661	689	649	744	735	727	753	740	712
Tardiness,.....	362	247	213	267	238	191	148	279	223
Dismissions,.....	189	186	194	218	226	166	217	220	206
Truants,.....	5	2	1	2	9	3	1	3	5
Visits,.....	106	126	183	110	248	95	120	114	167

The following named pupils have been neither absent nor tardy for the entire year.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Annie L. Denham,	Emma N. Phinney,
Erna M. Leach,	Irving L. Pickens,
Rose L. Clapp,	Eben H. Shaw.

## GRAMMAR AND HIGH.

Lydia Kingman, Samuel Shaw,  
Arthur Tripp.

## GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Julia Deane, Emma Eaton,  
Grace Lovell, Delia Kingman,  
Etta Thomas, Frank Surrey,  
Grace Bennett, Herbert Tripp,  
Mattie Bennett, Clarence Lucas,  
Eliza Alexander.

## FIRST PRIMARY.

Louis Staples.

## NEMASKET.

Bertha Ritter, Fannie White.

## THOMPSONVILLE.

Laura Deane, George Deane,  
Leonard Gurney.

## THOMASTOWN.

Lucy Weston, Eugene Wrightington.

## HIGHLAND.

Jennie Shurtleff.

Whole number of schools, .....	25
Whole number of teachers, .....	28
Number of different teachers during the year, .....	34
Whole number of different pupils enrolled, .....	957
Number of boys enrolled, .....	436
Number of girls enrolled, .....	521

**Cost per pupil for Instruction, Fuel, and Care of School-houses, based upon the average membership for the year.**

Waterville, .....	\$17.42
Green, .....	12.24
Nemasket, .....	10.41
Thomastown, .....	14.25
Thompsonville, .....	17.34
South Middleborough, .....	17.80
France, (two terms) .....	18.10
Highland, .....	15.78
Rock, .....	9.31
Fall Brook, .....	11.07
Wappanucket, .....	16.97
Purchase, .....	10.07
Plymouth Street, .....	22.63
Pleasant Street, .....	14.21
Village, .....	11.06
High, .....	27.61

**REMARKS UPON THE STATISTICS.**

By the report of the census taker there were, on May 1, 1888, sixty-eight more children in town between the ages of 5 and 15, and 36 more between the ages of 8 and 14, than there were on May 1, 1887.

The whole number of pupils belonging each month exceeds in every case the number belonging during the corresponding month of last year, and the average attendance is greater in every month save one. The largest number belonging any one month last year was 827, this year 859.

With this increase of pupils there has also been an increase of tardiness far out of proportion to what we ought to expect, and it is time to sound an alarm. During the winter term of twelve weeks the High School, with an average of 87 pupils, reported 126 cases of tardiness; but in justice to the remainder of the school it should be stated that 74 of these cases came from the tardiness of ten pupils.



In the Ninth Grade Grammar during the same period, with an average of 47 pupils, there were reported 90 cases of tardiness and 74 of these were from ten pupils.

In the Seventh Grade Grammar, with an average attendance of 46 pupils, there were reported 19 cases of tardiness for the same period, and all of them belonging to ten pupils. Follow the registers through and it will be found that a very large proportion of the tardinesses came from a very few members of the schools. The fault is not wholly in the school, though we must admit that schools have a poorer record with one teacher than with another, but the parents can render their children and the schools a great service by proper attention to this matter. Children at play do not realize how fast time flies, and engage in their sports even at their homes, presumably under the eye of the parent, until they find themselves late for school. Some children give the excuse that they do not get up and have breakfast, or at noon have dinner, soon enough to get ready for school in time. Some loiter by the way, and a reminder from the teacher that an excuse is required for tardiness ought to receive the heartiest welcome, for it seems to be the best, and in many cases, the only way that parents can know of their children's failure to be present at the appointed hours. All must admit that there are cases of absolute detention from school over which neither parents nor teachers have any control, but all must also agree that more care and cooperation would produce fewer tardy marks and untold good in the formation of prompt habits and punctuality in the duties of life, for which we plead.

There is need of improvement in regard to dismissions. Except in cases of sickness or accident, pupils are expected to remain through the sessions of the school unless excused by a written notice from the parent or guardian. Did these requests come less often, many hours of valuable time would be gained and in many cases by those who are most in need of every minute which the schools afford. Could we have the

children promptly in place at the beginning of every session ; could we be sure of their attendance throughout the session ; could we have them every day when not prevented by sickness, we believe we could produce such results that those already attained would appear inconsiderable.

The question is often asked, "How does Middleborough compare in school matters with other towns in the county and state?" The latest answer is found in the School Returns of the Board of Education, 1886-87. In the per cent. of attendance, based upon the average membership, Middleborough stands, in the county, 91. Whitman at 93 and Plympton at 96 alone surpassing, while West Bridgewater, Scituate, Kingston, East Bridgewater and Abington have the same rank. All others are below. In average wages paid male teachers we ought not to be compared with many of the other towns, because our High and Grammar teachers' wages were averaged with one who received the pay of a female teacher, which will not appear in the returns for this year. In average wages paid female teachers, eleven of the twenty-six other towns in the county pay more, but two of the eleven have no male teacher. In this connection another question ought to be answered. "Why is it that other towns and cities take away our best teachers?" One answer is that those places pay more, but another reason and one with which we cannot compete, is that Malden and Somerville and Watertown, which have taken some of our best teachers, are so favored by location that to some those places seem more desirable for residence. To the teachers who have no home attractions here, the advantages of being near Boston far outweigh in their minds the advantages which we have to offer. Said the Editor of the Journal of Education to the writer, "Middleborough ought to feel honored in having trained teachers that would be sought by the larger places in the state." We appreciate the honor but should prefer to keep the teachers.

Middleborough's rank in the state in the sum appropriated

for each child between five and fifteen years of age is No. 77 out of 349 cities and towns, and in the county No. 7 out of 27 cities and towns, having gained in rank over the year previous from 141 to 77, and from 12 to 7. In percentage of valuation appropriated for Public Schools, our rank in the state is 82 and in the county 5, having gained in rank over the year previous from 132 to 82, and from 8 to 5 respectively.

### IMPROVEMENTS IN BUILDINGS.

The notable event of the year under this head is the change in the School Street building. The repairing of this building was contemplated by the Committee a year ago and it was voted to be done, but was finally left until the generous appropriation of this year allowed of making thorough work throughout the building. As soon as the summer term was ended, operations began. The winding stairs, which had been a menace to the lives of the children, and which had caused parents to actually dread to have the time come when they should have to send their children up those stairs, have been removed; by their removal an equally important change was made in the entries, by having the entrance to the second story entirely separate from the entrance to the lower room. There is now a good landing at the foot of the stairs, another part way up, and none but square corners to turn. The cracked plastering of the ceiling which threatened to come down upon one's head was entirely removed, as was also part of that on the walls which would not stand, and these parts newly plastered. It was found that the floors were very badly worn in places and would soon need repairing, and as it could be done more cheaply while the seats were up, new floors were laid in all the rooms now in use. New black-boards were made by the change. The whole building inside received at the hands of the painters a cheerful brightening, which merits the thanks of the teachers, which is freely bestowed. To crown

all, the wood stoves were removed from the rooms and in place of them a fine Winthrop furnace was placed in the cellar. The sheds upon the grounds outside were put in good repair, the leaks in the roof stopped and the building put in as good shape as the most urgent could demand. All these changes and improvements were made under the direction of Dr. Ellis, and the time and care he put into the work demand more than a passing notice. The building at Nemasket has been thoroughly painted and cleaned, within and without, and its charming location is rendered only more beautiful by this addition at the hands of the painter. The building at the Green has also been improved by paint upon the outside. There are two or three buildings which will soon need to be painted, notably those at Thompsonville and Fall Brook, and then our buildings will be in good condition on the outside. Every means in our power have been used to put the High School building in a condition to keep out the cold. Storm-doors have been put up at both entrances to the building, storm-windows have been put upon the north side, rubber strips upon the transoms and all the pipes in the cellar have been covered with asbestos covering and the top of the boiler with asbestos cement. With all these helps we hope to keep the building warm excepting the attic, which is used for a laboratory. I see no way to have this room suitable for work but to partition off a part and place a radiator in it. I am informed by those interested in the boiler that there is heating capacity enough in it to do this extra work, for which they did not contract. We have had two men sent at different times since the boiler began its work to see if we were getting the required heat, and from what we see of the working of the boiler under the charge of these experts, we are convinced that the building can be heated, but at the expenditure of a large quantity of coal.

The Pleasant Street school-house has had its windows fixed so as to admit of letting them down at the top for better ventilation, and has had its black-board surface enlarged by put-



ting a board across the back of the room. It was necessary to make these changes to accommodate the increased numbers who attend this school.

At Thompsonville the seating has been made more suitable by removing the larger desks and chairs, which have seen about thirty years of service and which had become very rough, and substituting some of the cherry desks formerly used by the grammar school at Union Street. The improvement would be still greater if the remaining small chairs and desks could be removed and new ones put in their places.

### TRANSPORTATION.

This feature of our school work has grown much of late and is of interest not alone to the people of Middleborough but to those from outside, if we may judge from the letters which we receive from outside parties. We are paying at present the tuition of pupils who live near the Bridgewater, Lakeville, and Carver line, in all about eight pupils. We pay transportation of one pupil to Thompsonville, three to Waterville, four to South Middleborough, eight to Wappanucket and thirteen to Pleasant Street. We began to transport to Wappanucket and South Middleborough this year, and as we have had a full year in transporting to Wappanucket and from a school which was under my supervision during the year previous, I would like to show a few figures in regard to its working. At the Neck school, from which district the children are carried, there was during the winter term an average attendance for each scholar of 37 days; in the spring term an average of 28.8 days, and in the fall an average of  $61\frac{2}{3}$  days. The average number of pupils attending during the year was 7, and the average cost per pupil, based on this average membership, was \$40.40. At Wappanucket the average attendance for the winter term of these pupils who were carried by carriage was for each scholar 57.2 days; in the spring term an average of 35.8 days; and in the fall term an

average of 65 days. The average number of pupils attending during this year has been 8, and the average cost per pupil based on this average has been \$22.50.

There are discomforts in the long rides on stormy and cold days, and the somewhat longer time the children are away from home, but the figures seem to show that we get more days of schooling at a much less cost with all the enthusiasm and interest which a large school engenders. With the districts where there are only three or four pupils at most there is no question but that transportation has to be resorted to, and even with a somewhat larger number, enough even to make a good school, did all come regularly, we find the advantage is in favor of transportation. There is an interesting fact in connection with the transportation to the High School, in that six of the thirteen members of the senior class come from a distance of over two miles and have transportation expenses paid wholly or in part.

### TEACHERS.

We have as usual to record changes. One in the High School, one in the Grammar School, and two in the Primary, but all excepting one filled by teachers who had taught elsewhere in town. Miss G. A. Brown was engaged for the winter term at the Rock, and Miss Myra B. Chase at Plymouth Street. At the beginning of the spring term Miss Abbie S. Beals took Miss Brown's place and Miss Flora M. Clark Miss Chase's. Miss Julia Mansfield having been called away to Bridgewater to fill a better position there, her place as assistant in the Intermediate School was filled by Miss Amy Gay, who also at the close of the term left for a better school in Dedham. By combining the schools we have been enabled to dispense with the services of an assistant, but we shall not be able to do so more than the remainder of this school year, as there are fifty pupils belonging to that school now and addi-



tions come very often. By this combination we have been enabled to save the expense of one teacher for this year which will be partly shown in our financial report, and would be wholly shown if our school year and financial year were the same. We began the fall term with a new teacher at the Rock and I am glad to report that school in good condition. We feel a deep sense of loss in the departure of Miss Abbie A. Gurney to Somerville. Coming to South Middleborough to teach in the school there when very young, transferred to the Rock school and from there called away to Somerset to get more pay, returning to East Middleborough to teach for a year and then transferred to the Highland School for a year, she served a long and happy experience to fit her for the training, not alone of her scholars, but of many who have proved among our most successful teachers. For nearly ten years she taught in the village primary school, being obliged to be out for one year on account of illness. What she was in those earlier years of her teaching you know better than I; what her work has been in these latter years gives me great pleasure to commend. At the close of the fall term we were called upon to give up two of our teachers, Misses Haskell and Nightingale, whose services began with the Middleborough schools at the same time as did my own. It has consequently been my privilege to observe their work from its commencement, and it gives me pleasure to testify to their faithful work during these years.

We congratulate ourselves upon having now upon our list of teachers thirteen of our own citizens, most of them the product of our own schools. The success which has thus far attended those who have trained with our own teachers leads me to urge that this plan be followed still further, as the supply from this source is already exhausted and only one term of the school year has gone.

## EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

A new law in regard to the employment of children went into effect July 1, 1888, the provisions of which should be understood by all who employ and who are employed. The principal provisions are that no child under thirteen shall be employed at any time in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any indoor work for wages or other compensation during the hours the public schools are in session, or employed in any manner during such hours, unless he has attended school for at least twenty weeks as required by law.

No child under fourteen shall be employed in any factory, workshop, or mercantile establishment, except during the vacation of the schools, unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file a certificate and employment ticket according to law, which requires attendance upon school for at least twenty weeks during the year next preceding the date of the certificate, and the certificate holds good only to date of expiration recorded upon it.

No child under sixteen shall be employed without a certificate.

The certificate of a child under fourteen years of age shall not be signed until he presents to the person authorized to sign the same an employment ticket.

The steps to be taken to get a certificate require first that an employment ticket be secured from the employer. Second, this ticket is to be presented to the Superintendent, who by law is required to sign, by the father if living and a resident of the town, if not by his mother if living and a resident of the town, if not by his guardian. If none of these are living his own signature will be received. It is necessary to know the place and date of birth of child.

No child who has lived in town continuously since reaching the age of thirteen shall be entitled to receive a certificate that

he has reached the age of fourteen until he has attended school twenty weeks since reaching thirteen.

The fine attached to both parent and employer is a sum not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, and for false statements from parents or guardian a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both.

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

We may justly boast of the work that has been done in our Primary Schools, now that the work accomplished by our faithful teachers can be estimated at the completion of the services of two who have served in these schools ever since my connection with them. Noting the changes which time brings with it, there is not a teacher in the Union Street or School Street building who was there two years ago. Then a thorough system of grading, with a course of study marked out, was just begun, and the development of that system has been watched with constant pleasure. There have been some untoward circumstances in that we have had to urge along into a higher grade pupils who were not fully able to master the work, in order to make room for those who were pressing on from below. We have been able, as a general thing, to put each school into two sections which could work together in writing, drawing, and music, while in reading and number work they have been obliged to work separately. We have tried, in the First Primary and also in the Intermediate, dividing the school into two sections regardless of ability, but we found that some were so far behind others, that in reading the quicker ones would lose all interest while waiting for the slower ones to read, and that proper help could not be given those who needed extra attention without putting them in a class by themselves. We think this plan has produced the best results, that greater interest is created and more thorough drill given. This inequality of ability is not wholly natural; it comes partly from our method of admitting children to school three

times during the first year, so that many have one or two terms the start of their mates and keep this lead until they reach the Grammar School. In number work, we are ahead of the majority of schools in other places that I have visited. It is a wonder, greater and ever increasing, to see how quickly these little children take up all the operations in numbers when they are called upon to do it.

This is a sample of the work copied from the slate of a little girl at one of my regular visits, it being the work for that day. It was the work of a girl six years old, during her third month in school.

$$\begin{array}{rclcl}
 4+1= & 1+4= & 5-1= & 5\div 1= & 5\div 5= \\
 5\times 1= & 1\times 5= & 2) 5 ( & 4) 5 ( & 5-5= \\
 \frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 5= & 2\times 2+1= & & 6-1= & 1+5= \\
 5+1= & 6\div 1= & 6\div 6= & 1\times 6= & 6\div 2= \\
 6-4= & 4+2= & 2+4= & 4) 6 ( & 6\div 2= \\
 \frac{1}{2} \text{ of } 6= & 3+3= & 6-3= & 6\div 3= & 2\times 3= \\
 3\times 2= & 5) 6 ( & 6-6= & 4+2= & 
 \end{array}$$

The answers were not all correct, but most were.

Commendable progress has been made in music, and although we may not make so great progress as where all the schools are under a trained teacher, we are not ashamed of our work. Judging from the success of our pupils as they have been examined by a regular music teacher sent from Boston to start us in our work with the new books, we are assured that we are considered well started in this branch.

### GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

These schools have been full and overflowing a large part of the year, and at present there is only one room unfilled. I know that during the first part of the year there was a feeling among the Committee that some of these schools were not accomplishing so much as they ought. Whatever there was



lacking of earnestness during the first part of the year, it does not seem as if that charge could be laid against the teachers during the latter part. Long and faithfully have they worked and although full results are not yet to be expected, there is promise of abundant fruitage. No radical changes have been made in the course of study and few additions in the books used. Greater attention has been paid to the subject of language and technical grammar, and an effort has been made to make the work more of a unit by using the same terms and definitions in the several grades, so that there would be a mutual understanding between pupils and teachers as they pass from one room to another.

In one thing we have made greater progress than in any previous year. Finding that it worked well to have Miss Haskell teach the music in her own grade and the next higher, it was thought that the same plan might work well in the grammar grades. The difficulty was to find the teacher. After some persuasion and the promise of exchange of work, Miss Nightingale finally consented to take the music in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades in addition to her own, the sixth being provided for by the regular teacher. Her success has been marked, and her departure will cripple us for a season but we hope some new arrangement may speedily be devised.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

We spoke with pride last year of having the largest number enrolled in the High School since its existence, but the number has been increased this year to 110. This increase has been brought about by a healthy growth and not by pushing scholars into the school before they were prepared to enter. The school was so large at the close of the school year in June, and so many were the applicants to enter at the fall term, that only those who showed the very best preparation were admitted. The effect of this thorough sifting has been shown in

the work of the entering class, which has been unsurpassed as a whole by any class admitted during the last three years. The rejected candidates have in nearly every case commenced the work of preparation again with determined purpose, which assures that they will be ready to enter at the beginning of the next school year. From the experience gained in the last two years, we are convinced that the success of this year over last year, when quite a number were admitted on probation and could not do the work, is very marked. We believe our course of study is so arranged that a scholar of ordinary ability, who attends school regularly, can at the end of the ninth year pass directly into the High School, ready to do successful work.

Could parents and pupils see that there is no disgrace attached to doing the work of any year over a second time, provided a pupil has been as faithful as his circumstances admit, we should save any hard feelings and be better prepared for the duties of life when school days are over. Our work in the fall term has been much hindered by the sickness of the First Assistant. For nearly two months substitutes have been employed in her place, who, were they ever so good, could not take the place of the regular teacher. I am happy to say the regular teacher is at her post again, appreciated as never before from her long absence.

The success of having each teacher in charge of her own room all the time, instead of passing from room to room, is now fully assured. Each teacher is responsible for his or her own room, and being in it all the time knows where to place and settle any difficulty which may occur. Our corps of teachers is now so constituted that the English and Greek fall to the Principal, the languages to the First Assistant, and the mathematics to the Second Assistant. This arrangement seems to produce the best results of anything we have yet tried, as each teacher follows one particular branch from the beginning to the close of the course and can arrange for con-



tinuous work without overlapping the work which may have been done by another teacher.

The following are the names of the graduates in June, all of them from the Classical Course. We are sorry again not to have the names of some young men to record, but we hope that this will not be the lament of the coming year.

#### GRADUATES 1888.

Carrie Eleanor Alden,	Hattie Gertrude Holmes,
Annie Louise Brown,	Lillian May Monroe,
Anna Esther Chubbuck,	Ida Lewis Pierce,
Myra Cushing,	Florence Alice Robinson,
Florence Deane,	Minnie Warren Smith,
Georgiana Florence Thatcher.	

#### OUTSIDE SCHOOLS.

It is impossible to specify each one separately, but they are as deserving of honorable mention as any other, and perhaps more so when we consider the long distances that many of the pupils have to come, the oft detention at home to work, the many grades of all ages which most of them have, and the lack of enthusiasm which must needs be with small classes. Yet were you to ask me to take you to some of the most successful schools in town, it would be my privilege to take you to these same outside schools. For general good order, for interest in work, for neatness of grounds, for faithfulness of teachers under many discouragements, some of these schools are models. While the work laid out is exactly the same throughout the town, it is not to be expected that teachers can do as good work in writing and drawing, for instance, with pupils in from four to six different books and the little ones needing especial care in getting started properly. More than usual have these schools been broken up this fall by the lateness of the cranberry crop and in one or two cases by fear of fever.

## DRAWING.

The importance of this subject and the attention which has been given to it this year seems to demand a fuller account than any other branch. We were not satisfied with the work which we had accomplished, although we prided ourselves that we presented work upon the walls of the Committee Room which did us credit. Hearing of the success of Mr. Henry T. Bailey, Agent of the State Board of Education, we wrote to him to see if he would give Middleborough a share of his time. He kindly consented to come, and whatever may be said of agents in general he certainly is the ideal in his department. He made a thorough examination of the schools in the village, beginning at the lowest grade, and everywhere his presence was most welcome. In his hand the crayon did marvelous things, and his happy ways made him many friends among us. After he had made his inspection of the schools, he came a second time and gave a day to the teachers, taking the primary grades in the morning and the higher grades in the afternoon. By this method he reached all the teachers in town and the result of his visit is seen in daily work now. His good work was followed up by the Committee in substituting the White's Revised Drawing Books for the old books, and the change is only for the better. Our course which has been adopted for trial this year contemplates clay work alone for the first year, straight lines for the second and on through the sixth. In the seventh year curved lines are introduced and continued through the eighth and ninth years. In the High School the work has been drawing from the object and geometrical drawing. In the revised system now in use the work is more simple in the lower grade work and leads more gradually up to the more difficult. The work designed is more practical and must do away with the objection which some have to this branch of study, who see in it nothing but pretty pictures without any practical help in daily life. The first question propounded to our teachers by Mr. Bailey was,

“Why is drawing taught?” His first answer was, “For its educational value.” In this connection allow me to quote from the last report of the Supervisor of Drawing in Fall River.

“In treating the subject educationally, the perceptive and reasoning faculties are employed, thought is quickened, ideas are generated and ideas are expressed by drawing. Concentration, close observation and attention must accompany the expression, for the study of form is an exercise of the mind; if the idea is incomplete, indefinite and careless, the drawing will be the same. It is disciplinary in its character, for the child who is taught to think deliberately, make the sketch freely and at once, without using his eraser until the sketch is corrected, has learned a lesson in self-control that will be most valuable in his future life.”

### CONCLUSION.

Thus imperfectly have been given the statistics and deductions therefrom, statements in regard to improvements in buildings, changes in teachers, the law relative to the employment of children, the work of the different schools; but no pen can adequately portray the work which the public schools accomplish. For your kind coöperation in making the schools of Middleborough the best they can be made, for the earnest efforts of teachers and pupils to unite with us in accomplishing this end, for the kindly words of criticism and praise which have come from those interested in us, at home and abroad, my thanks are heartily given.

Respectfully submitted:

EDWARD P. FITTS,

*Superintendent.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Dec. 31, 1888.

## APPENDIX.

Number of Schools.	Term.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.
2	1	Lillie H. Thornton, .....	21	16	13
	2	" " .....	23	20	17
	3	" " .....	23	16	14
3	1	{ Carrie E. Alden, .....	26	24	21
	2	{ Mary E. Deane, .....	32	31	28
	3	{ " " .....	27	22	18
4	1	Nellie F. Thomas, .....	33	31	28
	2	" " .....	35	32	29
	3	" " .....	37	29	25
6	1	Gertrude M. Robinson, .....	16	16	13
	2	" " .....	19	18	17
	3	" " .....	16	15	14
8	1	Ella F. Kilbrith, .....	19	19	17
	2	" " .....	26	25	22
	3	{ Mary L. Osborne, .....	28	19	16
10	1	{ Florence Deane, .....	17	15	14
	2	{ Lurana W. Thomas, .....	18	16	14
	3	{ " " .....	24	21	19
11	1	Mary L. Osborne, .....	12	10	8
	2	" " .....	6	6	5
	3	" " .....	6	6	5
12	1	Mary W. Wentworth, .....	18	17	14
	2	" " .....	23	22	19
	3	" " .....	25	20	17
13	1	Georgiana Brown, .....	33	29	25
	2	Abbie S. Beals, .....	38	36	31
	3	Nannie M. Morse, .....	37	36	31
14	1	Iva S. Price, .....	31	30	24
	2	" " .....	30	27	22
	3	" " .....	32	28	23
16	1	Grace D. Beattie, .....	21	19	17
	2	" " .....	19	18	17
	3	Abbie S. Beals, .....	19	18	14
19	1	Lucia A. Drake, .....	28	26	22
	2	" " .....	32	30	27
	3	" " .....	34	32	28
20	1	Myra B. Chase, .....	11	10	7
	2	Flora M. Clark, .....	12	11	10
	3	" " .....	16	15	14
21	1	Mary A. Livingstone, .....	22	18	16
	2	" " .....	25	24	21
	3	" " .....	30	28	26
18	1	John P. Arnold, .....	54	50	47
	2	" " .....	48	47	44
	3	" " .....	60	56	54

Number of Schools.	Term.	TEACHERS.		Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.
In H. S. Building.	1	A. A. Lovell, .....		49	49	46
	2	“ “ .....		49	47	44
	3	“ “ .....		43	38	34
	1	Abbie F. Brett, .....		38	36	32
	2	“ “ .....		35	35	32
	3	Ella F. Kilbrith, .....		51	48	44
	1	Irene S. Nightingale, .....		36	35	31
	2	“ “ .....		34	34	30
	3	“ “ .....		49	48	46
	1	Mary E. Frink, .....		69	66	59
	2	“ “ .....		69	67	62
	3	“ “ .....		54	48	44
School Street.	1	Julia Mansfield, .....				
	2	Amy I. Gay, .....				
	1	Lucy T. Haskell, .....		46	44	41
Union St.	2	“ “ .....		46	45	42
	3	“ “ .....		47	41	38
	1	Jennie Bennett, .....		35	30	28
	2	“ “ .....		45	42	37
	3	“ “ .....		49	47	43
	1	Abbie A. Gurney, .....		30	27	24
	2	“ “ .....		43	43	38
	3	Lillie H. Thornton, .....		41	39	35
	1	May A. Allen, .....		46	43	32
	2	Mrs. May A. McHugh, .....		64	60	48
	3	Grace D. Beattie, .....		48	41	35
	High School.	1	A. K. Potter, .....		94	91
2		“ “ .....		83	82	80
3		“ “ .....		110	107	103
1		Zilpha Chace, .....				
2		“ “ .....				
3		“ “ .....				
1		May Chace, .....				
2		“ “ .....				
3		A. Frances Nichols, .....				



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Trustees of the Public Library,  
JANUARY, 1889.

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The detail work performed in the care and delivery of books in the Library room is given in the following

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

*To the Trustees :*

GENTLEMEN,—The fifteenth annual report of the Middleborough Public Library is as follows :

Whole number of days open to the public 305, four hours each, in which time 18,974 volumes have been delivered, the largest monthly circulation occurring in March, and the smallest in September ; 194 was the largest number given out in any one day. Covered, numbered, and labelled during the year, 1482 volumes. The library now numbers 4873 volumes, an increase of 293 since last report. Of these, 88 are ready to send to the binder's for repairs, and 22 are worn so much as to be unfit for use, and will be replaced by new ones. The last card issued numbers 3940, having issued 173 during the year.

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER, Librarian.

There are yet quite a large number of pamphlets and public documents in the library that have not been entered in the Accession Catalogue, and therefore are not counted in the



number of books in the library. When this is done our library will number considerably more than 5000 volumes. Of the number included in the report as added during the past year, two were presented by Mr. Jeremiah Doane, a series of public documents and reports from the Massachusetts state officials, several volumes from the Director of the United States Geological Survey, from the Commissioner of Education, and other departments of the government. We are under special obligations to Hon. Robert T. Davis for the interest he has taken in the library.

A new Supplementary Catalogue (No. 7) has been published during the year. A Card Catalogue case has been placed in the room, and a Card Catalogue has been prepared of all books put in from November, 1884, to date. This is arranged in two sections,—one by authors, and the other by titles or subjects, or other cross references. The supply of books on the reference shelves has been increased as occasion has demanded.

The periodicals in the reading-room have been continued the same as last year. No record has been kept of the number read, nor of the books consulted for reference. The magazines, after being taken from the reading-table, will be bound and added to the regular list on the shelves of the library. With the number and quality of publications in the reading-room, the thing most to be regretted is that more persons are not found reaping the advantage.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand at last annual report, .....	\$17.16
Received from Town Treasurer, "dog money," .....	634.24
"        "        "        other licenses, .....	42.50
For fines, .....	47.35
For cards sold, .....	3.50
For catalogues sold, .....	2.80
For old library cases, .....	6.00
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	\$753.55

Paid Estes & Lauriat for books, .....	\$192.92	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books, .....	11.00	
John Shaw, books, .....	15.58	
For other books, .....	3.75	
For rebinding books, .....	23.40	
Librarian, .....	200.00	
For assistance to Librarian, .....	55.20	
For insurance, 3 years, .....	90.00	
For card catalogue case, etc., .....	11.15	
For magazines, .....	56.45	
For supplementary catalogues, .....	40.00	
For lumber, labor, etc., fixing magazine rack, .....	7.45	
For enamel cloth for reading table, .....	2.19	
For call slips, labels, etc., .....	16.25	
Postage, express, stationery, etc., .....	6.60	\$731.94
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Balance on hand, .....		\$21.61

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees.

JOSEPH E. BEALS,  
Secretary and Treasurer.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1888-9.

<i>Term expires 1889.</i>	<i>Term expires 1890.</i>	<i>Term expires 1891.</i>
Everett Robinson,	Wm. R. Peirce, Prest.,	George Brayton,
E. S. Hathaway,	C. D. Kingman,	Jas. M. Coombs,
(Vacancy.)	W. H. Southworth,	Jos. E. Beals.

# REPORT

## OF THE

# SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS,

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1st, 1889.

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Voted by the town for the support of

schools, .....	\$11,500.00
Incidental school expenses, .....	2,000.00
School books,.....	1,000.00
Superintendent's salary,.....	1,200.00
Support of Poor,.....	4,800.00
Support of insane, .....	1,300.00
Repairs of highways, .....	5,000.00
New roads and special highway repairs, .....	3,500.00
Town officers, .....	2,000.00
Incidental expenses,.....	700.00
Clearing highways of snow, .....	500.00
Sprinkling streets,.....	200.00
Night watch, .....	730.00
Military aid,.....	600.00
G. A. R. for Memorial Day,.....	150.00
Town-house committee, .....	600.00
Water supply to Fire District, .....	1,500.00
Town debt,.....	5,000.00
Interest, .....	2,000.00
Board of Health, .....	200.00
Sidewalks, .....	600.00
Deficiency, as voted by the town,.....	4,675.00
Guide-boards, .....	100.00

Lighting streets, .....	1,600.00	
Watering trough on Barden Hills, .....	125.00	
Water closets in town-house, .....	1,000.00	
Grading town-house lot, .....	200.00	\$53,780.00
To be assessed by town, .....	\$35,000.00	
State tax, assessed by town, .....	3,712.50	
County tax, " " .....	3,321.03	
Overlaying, .....	2,083.50	\$44,117.03

## HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

## NORTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Amount.
No. 1.	Levi F. Tinkham, .....	\$1,249.59
2.	Samuel S. Lovell, .....	613.90
3.	George R. Sampson, .....	274.39
	John G. Vaughan, .....	10.75
4.	Isaac E. Perkins, .....	300.00
	William Robinson, .....	3.39
5.	Enoch Drake, .....	47.07
6.	Isaac E. Macomber, .....	63.88
7.	Charles E. Pratt, .....	83.73
8.	Albert F. Reed, .....	220.20 \$2,866.90

## EAST SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Amount.
No. 1.	L. F. Morse, .....	\$65.70
2.	W. A. Shaw, .....	80.46
	William C. Swift, (in 1887,) .....	17.95
3.	A. H. Soule, .....	156.80
4.	Isaac Bryant, .....	83.08
5.	George A. Cox, .....	38.12
	A. W. Smith, (in 1887,) .....	51.98
6.	Andrew Freeman, .....	99.48
7.	H. A. Thompson, .....	118.94
8.	Arad Covington, .....	72.97
9.	Zadock Sturtevant, .....	111.03
10.	S. W. Bump, .....	126.19
11.	Aaron Berry, .....	111.80
12.	L. B. Pratt, .....	129.77 \$1,264.27

## SOUTH SECTION.

District.	Surveyors.	Amount.	
No. 1.	N. S. Cushing, .....	\$145.00	
2.	S. T. Weston, .....	96.50	
3.	Elnathan Sherman, .....	169.20	
4.	J. K. Bishop, .....	139.99	
5.	Abner W. Sherman, .....	152.00	
6.	John Witham, .....	172.49	
7.	Abner Wood, .....	171.00	
8, 9.	L. T. Miller, .....	245.58	
10.	Charles C. Tinkham, .....	89.48	
11.	Josiah H. Thomas, .....	95.52	
12.	Ichabod B. Thomas, .....	142.69	1,619.45
			<hr/> \$5,750.62

## NEW ROADS AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Levi F. Tinkham, for building road near Star	
Mill bridge, .....	\$240.00
For special repairs on Centre street, in 1887, .	280.55
Montello street, .....	158.19
Star Mill bridge, .....	47.76
East Main street, .....	150.00
South Main and Grove streets, .....	150.00
Samuel S. Lovell, special repairs of Centre	
street, in 1887, .....	265.81
Samuel S. Lovell, repairs on Forest street, ..	301.11
“ “ “ Everett street, ..	87.96
“ “ “ High street, ...	58.89
“ “ “ Oak street, ...	22.41
Joseph L. Pease, Forest street, .....	31.20
Isaac E. Perkins, Titicut street, .....	124.28
“ “ Culverts, on Plymouth street, ..	41.23
Rufus Carpenter, Plymouth street, .....	12.00
Thomas Conway, Plymouth street, .....	10.00
Lorenzo T. Miller, Grove street, .....	294.50
“ “ new road, Wood street, ..	295.00
S. T. Weston, .....	7.50
John Witham, Wareham street, .....	39.37

A. H. Soule, Plymouth and Cedar streets,...	29.33	
Arad Covington,.....	17.15	
S. W. Bump, Plymouth and Nemasket sts.,..	64.83	
Z. Sturtevant, Summer street, .....	55.48	
A. T. Savery, Wall street, .....	48.37	
“ “ Carmel street, .....	9.16	
T. C. Savery, Brook street,.....	103.13	
George A. Cox, Fuller street,.....	254.66	
H. A. Thompson, Thompson street, .....	20.55	
M. O. Rounseville, Thompson street, .....	25.65	
L. B. Pratt, East Main and Sachem streets,..	62.17	
I. E. Macomber, Pratt's bridge, .....	22.50	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber for bridge,..	66.09	
Le Baron Foundry Co., iron beams for bridges,	156.97	
L. Lincoln & Son, iron work,.....	15.70	
T. G. Ford, iron work,.....	7.34	
Bailey & Soule,.....	29.67	
T. W. Peirce, drain pipe, &c.,.....	106.14	
J. & G. E. Doane,.....	51.77	\$3,764.42

## FRESHET BILLS.

I. E. Perkins, repairs on Turnpike bridge,...	\$189.51	
Rufus Carpenter, repairs on Turnpike bridge,	72.00	
Thomas Conway, repairs on Turnpike bridge,	53.75	
I. E. Perkins, repairs on Alden's bridge,....	142.73	
R. Carpenter, repairs on Alden's bridge, ....	21.00	
T. Conway, repairs on Alden's bridge,.....	17.50	
A. D. Clark, carting,.....	1.00	
Enoch Drake, repairs on Titicut bridge,....	54.00	\$551.49

## SNOW BILLS.

L. F. Tinkham, clearing snow and sanding sidewalk, .....	\$118.24
S. S. Lovell, clearing snow and sanding side- walk, .....	49.81
I. E. Macomber, clearing snow,.....	6.00
W. T. Shurtleff, clearing snow, .....	7.40
G. Carver, .....	5.04



J. M. Robbins,.....	3.44	
Ezra Morse, .....	3.00	
L. B. Pratt,.....	4.80	\$197.73

## SIDEWALKS.

L. F. Tinkham,.....	\$275.30	
S. S. Lovell, Everett street, .....	145.46	
“ “ High and Pearl streets, .....	97.65	
“ “ Courtland street,.....	122.54	
“ “ West and other streets, .....	71.03	
M. O. Rounseville, Centre street, .....	15.00	
N. C. Perkins, Highland street,.....	6.00	
Enoch Drake, .....	4.55	
George R. Sampson, .....	10.00	
Leonidas M. Deane, Oak street,.....	20.00	
S. P. Edwards, Oak street,.....	1.00	
C. N. Atwood, Miller street, .....	35.00	\$803.53

## GRAVEL ACCOUNT.

L. F. Tinkham, for gravel,.....	\$8.94	
S. S. Lovell, gravel and cinders,.....	15.65	
T. J. Pratt, “ “ .....	8.70	
E. S. Ober, “ “ .....	16.00	
S. L. Pratt,.....	45.10	
A. Berry,.....	10.75	
Andrew Freeman,.....	4.74	
L. F. Tinkham, moving and rebuilding wall on gravel lot, .....	36.92	
I. E. Perkins, gravel, .....	1.50	\$148.30

## CONCRETING.

Shiverick & Thomas,.....	\$179.30
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## SPRINKLING STREETS.

L. E. Thomas, .....	\$200.00
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## NIGHT WATCH.

Alexander Baker, .....	\$732.00	
Alexander Baker, lighting street lamps, .....	32.00	

## SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

C. D. Kingman, .....	\$235.60	
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## BUILDING COMMITTEE.

M. H. Cushing, com. on High school building,	\$100.00	
J. H. Shaw, " " "	100.00	
J. E. Beals, " " "	100.00	
F. M. Vaughan, " " "	50.00	
Augustus Pratt, " " "	25.00	\$375.00

## WATER SUPPLY.

Water supply to Middleborough Fire District, .....	\$1,500	
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## GUIDE-BOARDS.

Geo. H. Wilbur, cor. Plymouth and Summer streets, .....	\$3.50	
R. E. Southworth, painting boards, .....	2.25	
J. W. Reed, cor. Miller and Neck streets, ...	3.00	
Elnathan Sherman, .....	17.88	
J. K. Bishop, .....	4.05	\$30.68

## INSURANCE.

T. C. Collins, renewal of insurance on town-house, .....	\$150.00	
J. F. Alden, insurance on town-house, .....	150.00	\$300.00

The town-house has been insured for \$20,000. The policies for \$10,000 expired Dec. 15th, 1888; the policies on the other \$10,000 expired Jan. 24th, 1889. The insurance for \$20,000 has been renewed for five years at 3 per cent., subject to the action of the town.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

C. T. Thatcher, services as treasurer and collector, .....	\$550.00
C. T. Thatcher, obtaining and recording marriages, births, and deaths, .....	74.05
C. T. Thatcher, attending town meeting, administering oath, &c., .....	16.10
Joseph T. Wood, services as selectman and assessor, .....	297.50
Albert T. Savery, services as selectman and assessor, .....	242.50
Sylvanus Mendall, services as selectman and assessor, .....	251.56
Mrs. A. V. Wood, taking census of children, .....	50.00
Andrew C. Wood, services as overseer of the poor, .....	137.10
Andrew C. Wood, services as committee fitting up alms-house buildings, .....	37.50
Sylvanus Mendall, overseer of the poor, .....	46.25
C. T. Thatcher, overseer of the poor, .....	23.85
Sylvanus Mendall, services as truant officer, .....	3.50
James A. Burgess, " " .....	35.00
L. M. Alden, for 1886-87, " " .....	31.50
Sylvanus Mendall, as constable, .....	11.00
James A. Burgess, " " .....	40.00
James Cole, \$20.40, S. S. Lovell, \$35.25, ... ..	55.65
E. T. Lincoln, \$8, J. K. Bishop, \$3, .....	11.00
G. W. Hammond, .....	2.00
L. M. Alden, as constable, .....	35.80
Nathan King, services as moderator, .....	15.00
" " services as registrar, .....	23.75
C. T. Thatcher, services as registrar, .....	26.25
T. C. Collins, " " .....	21.25
C. H. Carpenter, " " .....	23.25
James H. Weston, services as teller and registrar of voters, .....	7.50

J. E. Beals, as teller,.....	2.50	
C. H. Carpenter, as teller, .....	2.50	
Wm. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up,.....	10.00	\$2,083.86

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

John Shaw, stationery, .....	\$8.10	
J. M. Coombs, printing town report, .....	119.12	
“ “ poll list and town warrants,..	196.92	
W. W. Wood, printing town warrants, &c.,	165.50	
H. L. Thatcher, printing, .....	20.85	
H. A. Thompson, services, and cash paid out as fire-ward,.....	24.80	
Timothy Creeden, injury to his child on side- walk on Centre street, .....	15.00	
Mrs. Ellen Hazeltine, injury sustained on the corner of Webster and Benton streets, ....	20.00	
M. H. Cushing, sulphur,.....	.40	
C. T. Thatcher, bill on slate and account, ...	3.00	
James A. Thomas, com. on stone crusher,...	3.80	
J. G. Vaughan, paving stone, .....	40.00	
L. Deane, levelling streets,.....	32.25	
W. H. Southworth, levelling streets,.....	2.40	
Domestic Plumbing Co., work on water cranes,	19.73	\$671.87

## TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

J. & G. E. Doane & Co., for hardware,.....	\$71.50	
W. H. Southworth, for door, labor, &c., for li- brary and other work, .....	28.80	
Jones Brothers, for curtains,.....	\$19.20	
“ “ for settees, .....	52.00	
“ “ for table and mattresses, 47.65	118.85	
Washburn & Parker, for coal, .....	297.40	
W. B. Hammond, for gas, .....	300.65	
H. A. Sparrow, balance of bill for work in Pub- lic Library in 1887,.....	24.06	
L. M. Alden, making keys,.....	8.25	
“ “ Police service,.....	10.00	
Lorenzo Tinkham, repairs, .....	1.50	

J. Prichard, repairs on Town House roof, ...	21.22	
W. B. Wood, janitor's services, .....	468.00	
"      "      sundry bills, .....	36.60	\$1,386.83
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Received for rents, .....	\$845.00	
Appropriated by town, .....	600.00	
Received from fence sold, .....	10.00	\$1,455.00
Balance, .....		\$68.17

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

W. H. Haskell, Veterinary Surgeon, .....	\$4.00	
J. A. Burgess, services, and cash paid on account of Board of Health, .....	79.55	
George L. Soule, embalming the body of William Reed, .....	13.00	
Geo. L. Soule, casket, and taking the remains of Mrs. Wm. Bumpus' child to Assonet, ...	23.50	
L. F. Tinkham, cleaning out cesspools, .....	24.20	
James A. Burgess, services on order for muzzling and killing dogs, .....	25.00	\$169.25

## FISH ACCOUNT.

Received from towns on Taunton river for inspection at East Taunton, .....	\$130.00	
Received from sale of fish, .....	245.00	\$375.00
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J. A. Burgess, inspection at East Taunton, ..	\$130.00	
L. M. Alden, services as fish warden, .....	18.00	
E. T. Lincoln, services as fish warden, .....	12.00	
L. F. Tinkham, repairing wall at fish way, ..	6.24	\$166.24
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Balance to divide with Lakeville, .....		\$208.76
Middleborough's proportion, .....	\$179.48	
Lakeville's proportion, .....	29.28	208.76

# RECAPITULATION.

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APPROPRIATED FOR	Balance unexp. in 1887.	Balance overdr'n in 1887.	Total.	Expended	Overdr'n	Unexpended.
Highway Repairs, . . . . .	\$5,000.00	\$858.29	\$4,270.02	\$5,750.62	\$1,480.60	
Received for filling water trenches, . . .	128.31					
New Roads and Special Repairs, . . .	3,500.00	192.15	3,307.85	3,764.42	464.42	
Snow Bills, . . . . .	500.00	305.86	194.14	197.73	3.59	
Sidewalks, . . . . .	600.00		840.38	803.53		\$36.85
Received from abutting owners, . . .	130.17					
Sprinkling Streets, . . . . .	200.00		200.00	200.00		
Town Officers, . . . . .	2,000.00					
Incidental Expenses, . . . . .	700.00	762.32	1,937.68	2,755.73	818.05	
Night Watch, . . . . .	730.00		730.00	732.00	2.00	
Board of Health, . . . . .	200.00		298.00	169.25		128.75
Town House Committee, . . . . .	600.00	19.49	1,436.51	1,386.83		48.68
Received from rents, . . . . .	845.00					
Received for fence sold, . . . . .	10.00					
Sewer Account, . . . . .			284.00			284.00
Received for entering sewer, . . . . .	40.00					
Water Supply, . . . . .	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00		263.90
Suppression of Crime, . . . . .			499.50	235.60		52.97
Guide-boards, . . . . .	100.00	16.35	83.65	30.68		
Gravel, . . . . .				148.30	148.30	
Freshet Bills, . . . . .				551.49	551.49	
High School-house Committee, . . .	375.00		375.00	375.00		
Insurance, . . . . .				300.00	300.00	
Military Aid, . . . . .	600.00	77.80	522.20	607.93	85.73	774.62
Lighting Streets, . . . . .	1,600.00		1,740.00	965.38		1,000.00
Water Closets in Town House, . . .	1,000.00		1,000.00			125.00
Watering Trough on Barden Hill, . . .	125.00		125.00			
	\$20,483.48	\$2,232.26	\$19,343.93	\$20,474.49	\$3,854.18	\$1,714.77



It will be noticed that the expenditures for the year have considerably exceeded the appropriations. The increase has been mainly on the highway repairs. The freshet in the early part of the season damaging quite seriously the bridges in the northerly part of the town, and the heavy rains following each other in quick succession the last six months, have occasioned heavy damages to the roads in all parts of the town. In addition to the bills reported as "Freshet Bills," probably two thousand dollars have been or will be required to put the roads in their former condition. The unusual expense of roads, insurance, &c., was not anticipated when the estimates for the year were made.

How have these expenses been met, or how can they be met? It will be seen that the overlayings on the taxes for a number of years have considerably exceeded the remittances (or assessor's orders). The last three years the overlaying has exceeded the assessor's orders \$2,369, and the proceeds of the fish have been \$336, making \$2,705, and for the last twelve years the balance of overlayings and fish money has been \$10,192. This sum, although not formally appropriated, has been, or can be used to meet the necessary expenses of the town.

#### ESTIMATE FOR A TAX.

For Support of Schools,.....	\$11,500.00
School Books, .....	1,000.00
Superintendent's Salary,.....	1,200.00
Incidental School Expenses, .....	2,000.00
Support of Poor, .....	4,800.00
Support of Insane, .....	1,000.00
Repairs of Highways,.....	5,500.00
New Roads and Special Repairs,.....	4,500.00
Town Officers, .....	2,100.00
Incidental Expenses,.....	800.00
Clearing Highway of Snow,.....	500.00
Sprinkling Streets, .....	200.00
Night Watch,.....	750.00
Lighting Streets,.....	
Military Aid, .....	650.00
G. A. R. for Memorial Day,.....	150.00

Town House Committee, .....	600.00	
Water Supply to Fire District, .....	1,500.00	
Town Debt, .....	10,000.00	
Interest, .....	2,000.00	
Board of Health, .....	200.00	
Sidewalks, .....	1,000.00	\$51,950.00
Less Corporation Taxes Estimated,.....	6,000.00	
		<hr/> \$41,950.00

## ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT.

No. of Polls,.....	1601	
Personal Valuation, .....	\$459,582.00	
Real Estate Valuation,.....	2,462,921.00	
Rate of Taxation, per thousand, .....	14.00	
No. of Horses taxed,.....	788	
Cows taxed, .....	812	
Sheep taxed, .....	12	
Swine taxed,.....	179	
Neat Cattle other than Cows,.....	315	
Houses taxed,.....	1,185	
Acres taxed,.....	38,171	
Tax payers,.....	2,176	
Persons paying Tax on Property, .....	1,452	
Persons paying only Poll Tax,.....	724	
Valuation of Buildings, exclusive of land,....	\$1,336,185.00	
Land, exclusive of buildings,....	1,129,686.00	

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

## LIABILITIES.

Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, June 27, 1885, at 5 per cent. interest,	\$1,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Aug. 1, 1885, at 5 per cent. interest,	1,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Aug. 5, 1885, at 5 per cent. interest,	1,000
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Sept. 1, 1885, at 5 per cent. interest,	500

Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Dec. 1, 1886, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 3 years,.....	5,000	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Feb. 3, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 4 years,.....	5,000	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, March 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 5 years,.....	5,000	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, April 16, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 6 years,.....	5,000	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, June 1, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 7 years,.....	5,000	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, July 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 8 years,.....	5,000	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Dec. 1, 1887, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest, payable in 9 years,.....	5,000	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Dec. 19, 1887, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest,	4,675	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, June 16, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 10 years,.....	5,200	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, July 25, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 11 years,.....	5,200	
Note given Middleborough Savings Bank, Dec. 18, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. interest, payable in 12 years,.....	5,055	\$58,630
Due Town Officers and other demands, (estimated), .....		1,000
Due for interest, (estimated), .....		75
Probable Loss on Taxes,.....		700
Total Liabilities,.....		<hr/> \$60,405

## ASSETS.

Cash on hand,.....	\$12,920.05
Due on Taxes, .....	9,221.44
From State for Military Aid,.....	607.93
“      “      State Aid,.....	2,071.50
Total Assets,.....	\$24,820.92
Balance of Liabilities,.....	35,584.08

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH T. WOOD,	} Selectmen and
ALBERT T. SAVERY,	
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	
	} Assessors of
	} Middleborough.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 14th, 1889.

LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, viz. :

William F. Atwood,  
Harrison W. Atwood,  
Harvey N. Atwood,  
Jared F. Alden,  
Andrew Alden,  
John S. Benson,  
Howard M. Bishop,  
Joshua K. Bishop,  
Joseph E. Beals,  
Samuel S. Bourne,  
George F. Bryant,  
Grover Bennett,  
Nathaniel S. Cushing,  
Abisha T. Clark,  
Amos D. Clark,  
Charles F. Cornish,  
George S. Clark,  
Frederick P. Chace,  
George A. Cox,  
Orrin E. Deane,  
Ezra C. Earle,  
George A. Earle,  
Lucius M. Fuller,  
Isaac M. Foye,  
George T. M. Gammons,  
Francis B. Gibbs,  
Foster A. Harlow,  
Clarence L. Hathaway,  
Israel T. Hathaway,  
William M. Haskins,  
George W. Hammond,  
Benjamin E. Holmes,  
James L. Jenney,  
B. Frank Jones,  
Nahum W. Keith,  
Thomas J. Le Baron,  
Eugene P. Le Baron,

Ezra S. Leonard,  
 Cornelius H. Leonard,  
 Nathan B. Maxim,  
 Isaac E. Macomber,  
 Andrew W. Miller,  
 Luther B. Murdock,  
 Ebenezer Pickens,  
 Herbert A. Pratt,  
 Luther B. Pratt,  
 Isaac E. Perkins,  
 John H. Ryder,  
 Albert T. Savery,  
 Warren H. Southworth,  
 George L. Soule,  
 Augustus H. Soule,  
 Josiah C. Shaw,  
 Walter A. Shaw,  
 Benjamin C. Shaw,  
 Albert W. Smith,  
 John E. Smith,  
 Henry W. Sears,  
 David S. Surry,  
 James M. Sampson,  
 Josiah H. Thomas,  
 John B. Thomas,  
 Lazelle E. Thomas,  
 Ichabod B. Thomas,  
 George F. Tinkham,  
 Alvin P. Vaughan,  
 Edward F. Wood,  
 William B. Wood,  
 Warren Wood,  
 Albert J. Wood,  
 William L. White,  
 Kenelm Winslow,  
 Edward F. Witham.

JOSEPH T. WOOD, } Selectmen  
ALBERT T. SAVERY, } of  
SYLVANUS MENDALL, } Middleborough.

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Feb. 14th, 1889.

# REPORT

## OF THE

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

### FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1888.

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Net amount drawn from the treasury, .....\$4,928.84

Received as follows, viz., from

City of Lynn, .....	\$28.79	
City of Taunton, .....	158.40	
Town of Plymouth, .....	130.87	
“ Hanson, .....	94.00	
“ Cohasset, .....	3.50	
“ Duxbury, .....	20.00	
“ Wareham, .....	8.08	
“ Rehoboth, .....	94.64	
State Treasurer, for state paupers, .....	18.91	
On account of State Aid, .....	78.00	\$635.19
Produce from the farm sold, .....	353.61	
		\$5,917.64

Paid out as follows, viz. :

For support of paupers in the Alms-house, ..... \$1,765.45

Out of the Alms-house :

Mrs. Allen Pratt, .....	\$48.00
“ Caroline M. Packard, .....	76.00
“ James E. Richmond, .....	80.50
“ Charles Murray, .....	78.00



Mrs. Stillman B. Morse, .....	26.00	
“ Albert Elliott, .....	147.00	
“ Azel T. Eaton, .....	52.50	
“ Harriet McLaughlin, .....	52.00	
“ Lydia Loomis, .....	106.50	
“ Mary L. Beisecker, .....	48.00	
Sally C. Benson, .....	50.00	
Rachael W. Thomas, .....	45.00	
Betsey C. Cobb, .....	53.00	
Patience C. Benson, .....	73.50	
Rena R. Thompson, .....	5.00	
Jennie M. Smith, .....	15.00	
Carrie M. Pratt, .....	4.28	
Nancy, Sarah, and Olive Leonard, .....	99.00	
Sarah Vaughan, .....	38.00	
Charles Wood, .....	1.50	
Joseph Wood, .....	3.50	
Emerson P. Morse, .....	24.00	
Milton Reed, .....	83.00	
Clark Shurtleff, .....	58.50	
Fred Wilmot, .....	13.10	
Standish Ryder, .....	32.00	
E. Bell, .....	10.02	
David Shurtleff, .....	2.00	
Samuel B. Maxim, .....	10.00	1,334.90

City of New Bedford, aid furnished Mrs. Mary

Lawrence, .....	\$46.00	
City of Boston, aid furnished Hannah Madden, .....	3.70	
City of Lawrence, aid furnished Lydia Jones, ..	53.00	
“ “ “ “ Sarah Phelan, ..	5.00	
City of Brockton, aid furnished Gilbert Lyon, ..	9.00	
Town of Wareham, aid furnished Phineas		
Haskins, .....	45.00	
Town of Wareham, aid furnished Samuel F.		
Haskins, .....	6.00	
Town of Falmouth, aid furnished Clara S. Carr,		
(2 years,) .....	192.00	

Town of Sandwich, aid furnished Henry H.			
Lovell, .....	80.90		
Town of Westport, aid furnished Rosalie Thyng,			
	52.00		
Town of Yarmouth, aid furnished Mrs. Isaac			
Simmons, .....	27.25		
Town of Halifax, aid furnished David Shurtleff,			
	11.34		
Town of Attleborough, aid furnished Elijah			
Caswell, .....	51.00	582.19	
In Taunton Lunatic Hospital :			
Paid for George R. Deane, .....	\$53.86		
In Northampton Hospital :			
Paid for Joanna O'Keefe, .....	177.42		
In Bridgewater Asylum :			
Paid for George Wallen, .....	158.16		
In Westborough Hospital :			
Paid for Fred W. Edwards, .....	67.32		
In State Industrial School :			
Paid for Anna M. Harlow, .....	26.14	482.90	
Paid aid furnished those having settlements in other places :			
George W. Brackett, Lynn, .....	\$47.40		
Francis McKenney, Easton, .....	5.62		
Barnard McCourt, Easton, .....	43.75		
Ogden Murdock, Wareham, .....	9.83		
Alexander Williams, Rehoboth, .....	94.64		
Tamer B. Willis, Hanson, .....	35.50		
George Powers, Cohasset, .....	56.58		
Mrs. Hiram Bryant, Plymouth, .....	7.00		
Mrs. George B. Wentworth, Plymouth, .....	161.99		
E. E. Wilbur, Taunton, .....	10.00	472.31	
Paid George R. Sampson, for brick, .....			
	\$2.40		
Frank P. Cole, for horse, .....			
	130.00		
George Soule, for Undertaker's services, .			
	84.50		
James L. Jenney, for coal, .....			
	118.70		

Mendall & Sparrow, for labor,.....	151.71	
S. Mendall, for expense out of town on account of paupers, .....	5.75	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for lumber, ....	32.90	
Thomas Bump, for masonry, .....	20.50	
A. C. Wood, for lumber, &c.,.....	47.63	
Alden & Ellis, for masonry,.....	8.00	
Washburn & Parker, for coal,.....	70.00	
H. L. Thatcher, for printing blanks, ....	12.50	
C. C. Tinkham, for moving buildings, ...	25.00	
M. H. Cushing, for lime and cement,....	20.30	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, for professional ser- vices one year, .....	50.00	
E. S. Lovell and wife, for services for one year,.....	500.00	1,279.89
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		\$5,917.64
Whole number in the Alms-house during the year,	282	
Whole number Tramps during the year,.....	258	
Remaining the whole time, .....	18	
Present number,.....	20	
Number of weeks for one person, .....	1049	
Transient, .....	37	
Average number, .....	19	
Average expense per week including Superin- tendent's salary,.....	\$2.15	
Average expense per week not including Su- perintendent's salary, .....	\$1.68	
Amount of real estate January 1, 1889,.....	\$9,965.00	
Amount of personal estate January 1, 1889,..	1,963.88	\$11,928.88
Amount of real estate January 1, 1888,.....	8,975.00	
Amount of personal estate January 1, 1888,..	1,949.32	10,924.32
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Increase over last year,.....		\$1,004.56
Appropriation for support of poor,.....		\$4,800.00
Insane, .....		1,300.00
Repairing barn, .....		250.00
Cash received from other towns, .....		635.19
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		\$6,985.19

For support of poor in Alms-house, .....	\$1,765.45	
Outside Alms-house, ....	1,334.90	
In other towns, .....	582.19	
In hospitals, .....	482.90	
Having settlements in other places, .....	472.31	
Other expenses, .....	1,279.89	\$5,917.64
Amount not expended, .....		<u>\$1,067.55</u>

There have been three deaths in the Alms-house during the year : James Robbins, who died March 22d, 1888, aged 82 years ; Miss Sally Whitmarsh, who died May 16, 1888, aged 84 years ; Nelson F. Cole, who died May 2d, 1888, aged 68 years.

#### INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE.

Farm, 90 acres, with buildings, .....	\$9,000.00	
Thompson wood lot, 9 acres, .....	250.00	
Macomber wood lot, 22 acres, .....	425.00	
Haskins wood lot, 10 acres, .....	90.00	
Thomas Wood wood lot, 4 acres, .....	200.00	\$9,965.00

#### INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

10 tons English hay, .....	\$150.00
7 tons coal, .....	49.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ ton rye straw, .....	7.50
75 bushels corn, .....	45.00
12 bushels rye, .....	9.60
110 bushels potatoes, .....	65.00
20 bushels turnips, .....	6.00
1 bushel pop corn, .....	2.00
2 bushels meal, .....	1.16
100 pounds shorts, .....	1.30
650 pounds pork, .....	63.00
25 pounds lard, .....	3.50
35 pounds butter, .....	10.50
42 pounds crackers, .....	2.52
9 cords wood, .....	30.00
18 cords wood in woods, .....	54.00

6 cords dressing, .....	50.00	
5 cows, \$150; heifer, \$15; bull, \$20, .....	185.00	
Horse, \$130; 2 hogs, \$48; shote, \$10, .....	188.00	
5 pigs, \$25; 44 hens and 2 ducks, \$23.50, ...	48.50	
Horse cart, \$5; covered wagon, \$25; Sleigh, \$5,	35.00	
Harnesses, \$20; express wagon, \$35; lumber, \$50,	105.00	
2 wheel barrows, \$3; farm wagon, \$30; nails, \$1,	34.00	
Wolf robe, \$7; grindstone, \$5; roller, \$20,..	32.00	
Seed planter, \$2.50; saw and axes, \$3, .....	5.50	
Corn planter, \$2.50; harrows, \$15; E. bbls, \$5,	22.50	
Farming tools, \$50; paint and oil, \$1.50;		
matches, 15c., .....	51.65	
Ice chest, \$9; gun, \$3; disinfectant, \$1.50,..	13.50	
Bread machine, \$3; sugar, \$2; molasses, 60c.,	5.60	
Tea, \$1; coffee, \$1; Salt, 50c.; spices, \$1,..	3.50	
Pumpkins, \$1.50; cranberries, \$1.25; cabbage,		
\$1, .....	3.75	
Soap, \$2; vinegar, \$1; medicine, \$3, .....	6.00	
2 carpets, \$30; oil carpet, \$2.50; Bags, \$1.80,	34.30	
Tin, iron, and stone ware, tables, stoves, and		
furniture, .....	285.00	
Beds, bedding, and bedsteads, .....	350.00	
6 silver spoons, .....	5.00	\$1,963.88

#### AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

Hay, .....	18 tons.
Pumpkins, .....	1 "
Rye straw, .....	1 "
Corn fodder, .....	3 "
Corn, .....	90 bushels.
Rye, .....	14½ "
Potatoes, .....	150 "
Turnips, .....	35 "
Beans, .....	3 "
Peas, .....	9 "
Beets, .....	3 "
Onions, .....	2 "
Cabbage, .....	100 heads.

Eggs, .....	176 dozen.
Milk, .....	2280½ gallons.
Pigs, .....	20
Chickens, .....	35
Squashes, .....	400 pounds.
Pork, .....	1400 “
Beef, .....	1071 “
Veal, .....	255 “
Butter, .....	215 “

As we said last year in our report, the present Superintendent, Mr. Edward S. Lovell together with his wife, have been in charge of the Alms-house about twelve years, and have given satisfaction to the Overseers, and we trust to the inmates, as one of the inmates said to us at our annual visit, “I want you to have Mr. and Mrs. Lovell again.”

We would again extend the invitation for everyone that would like, and have an interest in the poor, to visit the Alms-house as often as they can find it convenient, and it will be a pleasure to the Superintendent to show you over the building and give you what information he can.

ANDREW C. WOOD,	} Overseers
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	
CHARLES T. THATCHER,	
	of
	the Poor.



# REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN COMMITTEE

ON A

### LOCK-UP OR STATION HOUSE.

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At a town meeting last Spring the question of a Lock-up or Station House was before the town, and referred to the Overseers of the Poor as a Committee, to report at the next annual meeting. We have considered the subject and find it necessary that there should be some more suitable place for prisoners for confinement and also to accommodate transient people or tramps. For the last year the average of persons to be locked up over night is nearly or quite one for every night in the year, and we have no place suitable or convenient for that purpose, and the best interest of the town demands that we should have a Station House for that purpose. It need not be expensive, but safe and convenient. We therefore report that the town build, or hire, and fit a place for the purpose of a Lock-Up or Station House, for the best interest of those locked up and the welfare of the town generally.

Respectfully submitted.

ANDREW C. WOOD,	}	Committee of the Town on Lock-Up or Station House.
SYLVANUS MENDALL,		
CHARLES T. THATCHER,		

# REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN TREASURER,

Ending December 31st, 1888.

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Cash received as follows :

On hand as per last year's report,.....	\$10,623.72
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax,.....	4,304.15
"        "        for bank tax,.....	1,734.49
"        "        for school fund, .....	204.85
"        "        for State aid, .....	2,416.80
County        "        for dog licenses for 1887,.....	634.24
Overseers of the Poor,.....	641.19
Middleborough Savings Bank,.....	20,455.00
New England Trust Co., for interest allowed on de- posits, .....	183.10
E. H. Eglee, balance after repairing streets on ac- count of water works, .....	31.40
Middleborough fire district, on account of street re- pairs, .....	96.91
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., for fence around the Town House lot, .....	10.00
Thomas Wood estate, for benefit cemetery lot,....	100.00
Town House committee, .....	291.25
Randall Hathaway, for herrings,.....	245.00
Fish Commissioners, .....	18.89
Austin Lovell, for auctioneer's license,.....	2.00
Charles F. Cornish, for auctioneer's license, .....	2.00
Isaac E. Macomber, for auctioneer's license,.....	2.00
James Cole, for auctioneer's license,.....	2.00
Thomas H. Mills, for peddler's license,.....	11.00

Patrick J. Clark, for peddler's license,.....	11.00
William J. Henry, for peddler's license,.....	11.00
C. Winsor, for license, .....	.50
Charles Y. Wilcox, .....	.50
Mains International, for license, .....	3.00
L. P. Thatcher, for use of sewer, .....	25.00
George L. Soule, for use of sewer, .....	15.00
Albert Alden, for concreting,.....	60.33
D. B. Monroe, for concreting,.....	13.50
Timothy Cobb, for concreting,.....	17.67
L. H. Houghton, for concreting,.....	38.67
From the following cities and towns on account of fish:	
Taunton, \$30; Fall River, \$10; Dighton, \$20;	
Freetown, \$10; Raynham, \$20; Somerset, \$20;	
Berkley, \$20,.....	130.00
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	\$42,336.16.
Collector of taxes, .....	41,959.63
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	\$84,295.79

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Paid Selectmen's orders,.....	\$18,148.46
School Committee orders,.....	15,620.42
Town House Committee orders,.....	807.32
Board of Health orders, .....	140.25
Overseers of the Poor orders,.....	5,564.03
Assessors orders, .....	3.80
Notes and interest,.....	18,039.61
Building Committee, new school-house orders, ....	944.74
Street Lighting Committee orders,.....	933.38
County Treasurer, for County tax, .....	3,321.03
State Treasurer, for State tax,.....	3,712.50
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, dog licenses for 1887, .....	634.24
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, other license money, .....	42.50
N. Y. & B. D. Express Co's bill, .....	5.35
L. M. Alden, for G. A. R.,.....	150.00

State Aid, Chapter 301, .....	2,071.50
Military Aid, Chapter 252, .....	1,215.86
Stamps, postal cards, box rent, &c., .....	20.75
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	\$71,375.74
. Cash on hand, .....	12,920.05
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	\$84,295.79

C. T. THATCHER,  
Treasurer.

# REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

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Taxes unpaid for 1882, as per last report, ...	\$21.33
“ “ 1883, “ “ ...	86.51
“ “ 1884, “ “ ...	204.74
“ “ 1885, “ “ ...	793.28
“ “ 1886, “ “ ...	1,502.53
“ “ 1887, “ “ ...	4,958.61
Taxes committed for 1888, .....	44,155.23
Interest and summonses received, .....	310.27 \$52,032.50

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Taxes remaining unpaid for 1882, .....	\$9.33
“ “ “ 1883, .....	48.63
“ “ “ 1884, .....	147.52
“ “ “ 1885, .....	516.68
“ “ “ 1886, .....	904.90
“ “ “ 1887, .....	2,086.08
“ “ “ 1888, .....	5,578.30
Assessors' order, .....	781.43
Cash paid Town Treasurer, .....	41,959.63 \$52,032.50

C. T. THATCHER, Collector.

## STATE AID

Furnished the following persons, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

Atwood, Stephen F.,	\$30.00	McMann, James E.,	12.00
Bumpus, Marcus,	36.00	Norveill, Mrs. Susan,	48.00
Bliss, Alphonso,	54.00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista,	48.00
Bump, Benjamin W.	36.00	Pittsley, Charles P.,	35.00
Benson, Mrs. Paulina R.,	48.00	Powers, George,	10.50
Crosby, Asa F.,	74.00	Phillips, Calvin T.,	20.00
Dorr, Amos L.,	72.00	Ryder, Stephen C.,	20.00
Fagan, Peter,	120.00	Rogers, Mrs. Mary N.,	48.00
Gammons, Thomas G.,	36.00	Shaw, William B.,	72.00
Goldsboro, John F.,	48.00	Shaw, William N.,	72.00
Glancy, Bernard,	72.00	Shaw, George H., 2d,	12.00
Gibbs, Stephen S.,	18.00	Scanlin, John,	72.00
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta,	48.00	Sherman, Mrs. Eliza B.,	48.00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.,	48.00	Smith, Christopher C.,	15.00
Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth,	48.00	Tinkham, Mrs. Sarah A.,	48.00
Haskins, Harrison,	54.00	Tillson, Benjamin O.,	18.00
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah C.,	48.00	Wood, Jacob,	9.00
Jennings, Mrs. Harriet E.,	48.00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.,	48.00
Knowland, John B.,	48.00	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha W.,	48.00
Lane, Benjamin F.,	112.00	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey D.,	48.00
Littlejohn, Ira O.,	36.00	Westgate, Edward S.,	48.00
Lucas, Abner,	48.00		
Mellen, Charles C.,	72.00		
Morse, Ezra,	18.00		
			\$2,071.50

## MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

Bisbee, Sylvanus,	\$60.00	Morse, Emerson P.,	120.00
Chase, Ezra S.,	4.00	Morse, Artemas,	72.00
Cole, Nelson F.,	18.00	Mann, John E.,	48.00
Deane, George R.,	56.00	Nichols, James G.,	54.00
Deane, George R., for hos- pital expenses,	53.86	Nye, William C.,	42.00
Fessenden, James C.,	6.00	Raymond, Fred R.,	72.00
Glidden, Benjamin R.,	120.00	Raymond, Marcus M.,	96.00
Gibbs, Abiel,	50.00	Wright, Winfield S.,	96.00
Gay, Erastus E.,	40.00	Wilmot, Thomas E.,	60.00
Harlow, Reuben,	28.00	Williams, Samuel,	48.00
Lovell, Henry H.,	72.00		
			\$1,215.86



# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

## Marriages Registered in Middleborough in 1888.

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.
Jan. 4	Henry W. Benton,	Middleboro'.	Ella F. Tinkham,	Middleboro'.
12	Eustace R. Wilbur,	Raynham.	Alice P. Hall,	Raynham.
25	Fred C. Hill,	Middleboro'.	Mariette Sherman,	Middleboro'.
27	Leonard N. Collins,	"	Louisa Sandstrom,	"
30	James T. Snell,	"	Matilda J. Morgan,	Plymouth.
30	William P. Burt,	Plymouth.	Emily G. Westgate,	"
Feb. 3	Herman H. Deane,	Middleboro'.	Mary E. Downing,	Middleboro'.
13	Herman E. Dunham,	"	Lena Morris,	"
25	Almon A. Belcher,	Bridgewater.	Mary F. Kane,	Bridgewater.
Mar. 1	Seth L. Vickery,	Kingston.	Amy C. Ryder,	Middleboro'.
4	Lothrop T. Smith,	Middleboro'.	Hattie M. Leighton,	"
7	Charles F. Jones,	"	Mary J. Taylor,	"
Apr. 4	Geo. H. Milliken, Jr.,	New Bedford.	Mary E. Sherman,	"
5	Fred'k M. McHugh,	Middleboro'.	May A. Allen,	"
18	Joseph E. Hoxie,	"	Abbie T. Shaw,	"
25	Frank W. Wentworth	Brockton.	Linnie G. Garney,	"
26	James Houlihan,	Middleboro'.	Alice Flynn,	"
29	Henry A. Farrington,	"	Ida M. Chandler,	No. Carver.
May 5	Charles E. Mellen,	"	Laura J. Carter,	Middleboro'.
9	Wm. DeMoranville,	"	Katie G. Hayes,	"
26	Jos. H. Washburn,	South Carver.	Emma G. Morse,	"
26	Gustavus Stanwood,	Middleboro'.	Eleonora Osterberg,	"
30	Charles F. Reed,	Lakeville.	Etta M. Macomber,	"
30	James O'Hara,	Middleboro'.	Nellie Cronin,	"
30	John J. Porter,	Taunton.	Bridget Tierney,	Taunton.
June 7	Winsor F. Fryer,	Middleboro'.	Mary H. Swift,	Middleboro'.
7	Albert H. Vaughan,	"	Laura G. Stickney,	"
7	Edward B. Lovell,	"	Mabel A. Bryant,	"
12	Benjamin F. Pratt,	"	Amelia A. Davis,	Campello.
14	John McCormick,	"	Edith M. Chace,	Middleboro'.
14	Eben A. Richmond,	"	Cora E. Peirce,	"
16	John Keedwell,	"	Delia F. Fleming,	"
20	James G. Alden,	"	Mary A. Rich,	Provincetown.
26	Charles P. Putnam,	Boston.	Lucy Washburn,	Boston.
28	George W. Dexter,	Middleboro'.	Cora F. Baxter,	Middleboro'.
July 2	Abner L. Westgate,	"	Martha Coffin,	San Francisco
25	George G. Leonard,	Taunton.	Dora T. Peirce,	Middleboro'.
Aug. 5	Stephen Ellis,	Middleboro'.	Lorena M. Harris,	"
18	Alexander Williams,	"	Kate Mack,	"
25	Frank H. Brooks,	"	Jessie E. White,	"
25	John Fagerbug,	"	Oleria Erickson,	"
26	Eben Jones, Jr.,	Mattapoisett.	Carrie L. Southworth,	"

Marriages — *Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.
Sept. 2	Joseph Canavan,	Middleboro'.	Maria Shea,	Middleboro'.
12	Edgar I. Hall,	"	Margaret MacBride,	Boston.
16	Patrick E. Fox,	Bridgeport, Ct.	Mary T. O'Conner,	Middleboro'.
Oct. 7	Timothy D. Creedon,	Middleboro'.	Mary E. Sullivan,	"
7	William B. Aldrich,	Lakeville.	Annie J. Smith,	"
10	Elton L. Pratt,	Middleboro'.	Cynthia W. Porter,	Halifax.
16	Chas. E. Washburn,	"	Cyrissa M. Dickey,	Belfast, Me.
27	John T. Johnson,	"	Teckla Svenson,	Middleboro'.
Nov. 3	John A. Hilton,	Haverhill.	Charlotte J. Snell,	"
7	Fred'k A. Johnson,	Middleboro'.	Anna M. Haskins,	Lakeville.
10	Henry B. Schlueter,	"	Jennie A. Tripp,	Middleboro'.
14	Henry W. Chace,	Acushnet.	Arabella C. Sturtevant,	"
17	Erastus B. Shaw,	Middleboro'.	Emma A. Regan,	"
18	Andrew P. Smith,	Taunton.	Carrie F. Rounds,	Taunton.
21	Albert Winslow,	Middleboro'.	Sarah J. Featherston,	"
21	Darius G. Thomas,	Carver.	Emeline B. Haven,	Middleboro'.
23	Henry W. Mellen,	Middleboro'.	Amanda Loring,	Canton.
27	Nathan Washburn,	"	Etta F. Mendall,	Middleboro'.
28	Thomas Bray,	"	Amelia A. Bochme,	"
28	Amos F. Wright,	Acushnet.	Hattie Abbott,	"
29	James W. Hurley,	Wareham.	Emily C. Bump,	"
30	Carl H. Russell,	Middleboro'.	Fannie B. Wallen,	"
Dec. 8	Edwin E. Gammons,	"	Susie T. Little,	Dartmouth.
18	Carlton L. Gibbs,	"	Emma L. Shaw,	Lakeville.
23	William H. Dempsey,	"	Alice M. Finney,	Middleboro'.
24	William T. Hart,	New Bedford.	Carrie M. Ricketson,	"
25	Elbridge Devine,	Middleboro'.	Nellie Russell,	"
25	Warren E. Vail,	Lakeville.	Laura N. Gove,	"
26	O. Everett Field,	Middleboro'.	Lavinia H. Bemis,	"
29	Charles F. Gay, Jr.,	"	Olive H. Benner,	"
31	Alton E. Briggs,	"	Mary W. Shaw,	"

## Births Registered in Middleborough in 1888.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.	Maiden Name.
Jan. 10	Emory C. Wixon.	Edgar L. and Hattie L.	Norris.
11	Henry W. Sears, Jr.	Henry W. and Martha S.	Pickens.
16	Lizzie E. Carlisle.	Theodore E. and Lizzie E.	Loner.
20	Horace Farrington.	Charles H. and Cora E.	Hines.
22	William E. Tribou.	Charles H. and Etta M.	Bachelder.
26	Caroline K. Norris.	Fayette C. and Jennie K.	Ryder.
26	Albert E. McKeown.	George and Emma L.	Woodward.
Feb. 1	Rodney A. Neal.	William K. and Nellie F.	Mitchell.
2	George H. Thomas.	Frank and Mildred.	Applin.
7	Everett A. Bump.	Everett and Maggie.	Howe.
14	Alta M. Maxim.	Charles H. and Lizzie A.	Wallen.
25	Harold S. Baker.	Austin L. and Luella E.	Baker.
Mar. 14	Lizzie F. Smith.	Jabez F. and Mary E.	Goff.
15	Beatrice J. H. Russell.	Louis H. and Fannie E.	Walley.
18	Lillian A. Westgate.	Elisha P. and Abby.	Britton.
24	Rebecca Colpritt.	Charles E. and Mary E.	Lane.
24	Eugene F. Curley.	Thomas and Mary J.	Morley.
27	Elizabeth F. Bettencourt.	Marion O. and Anna E.	Parry.
28	Maggie V. McCluskey.	John and Ellen.	Murphy.
29	Vera A. Merrick.	Marcus A. and Mary J.	Shields.
30	Ralph W. Cromwell.	Edward H. and Emma L.	Marble.
April 4	Elbar F. Hudson.	Frank W. and Edith L.	Hall.
13	Maude E. Walker.	Dexter M. and Mary E.	Thornton.
16	Charles E. Reed.	Edward C. and Georgianna.	Gault.
20	Leonard O. C. Collins.	Leonard N. and Anna L.	Sandstrom.
21	Grace L. Hillson.	George L. and Rosamond.	Burnham.
22	Shirley C. Clark.	Henry T. and Grace M.	Staples.
May 2	Elvira E. Garney.	Harvey H. and Lottie J.	Washburn.
3	Ethel M. Whittimore.	Hiram and Nellie F.	Huckins.
15	Cora Pratt.	S. Lewis and Bertha S. B.	Savage.
18	— Harlow.	Simeon and Lucy A.	Griffeth.
29	Stephen A. Belcher.	Almon A. and Mary F.	Kane.
29	Sarah L. McManus.	Edward and Sarah.	Devine.
June 5	Elsie A. Leahy.	William and Catharine.	Maguire.
5	Ruth E. Maxim.	Winslow T. and Clara J.	Pinkham.
8	Elsie B. McKeen.	Adam P. and Margaret.	McIntosh.
9	David Mullen.	John and Mary.	Houlihan.
15	Flora Tinkham.	Whiting J. and Margaret J.	Chamberlain.
16	Clyde H. Norton.	Edwin A. and Thirza S.	True.
23	Louis T. Perkins.	Lloyd, 2d, and Elizabeth.	Turner.
29	Edna M. Briggs.	Everett W. and Lucy A.	Weston.
July 3	— Perkins.	Frank and Ella A.	Reed.
5	Mark G. Snow.	Abner W., Jr., and Julietta.	Taylor.
7	Earl Thomas.	Cephas F. and Nellie F.	Cuzner.
7	— Roach.	— Carrie.	Roach.
16	George A. Earle.	Ezra C. and Ella D.	Bourne.
17	Leslie W. Bryant.	Walter T. and Susan E.	Freeman.
17	Manuel Rose.	Manuel and Ignacia.	Marioo.
30	Albert L. Hoxie.	Willard L. and Alice A.	Cummings.
Aug. 5	— Dunham.	Charles H. and Susan S.	Swett.

Births — *Continued.*

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.	Maiden Name.
Aug. 10	Ethel F. Shaw.	Samuel and Abbie.	Frost.
15	Linda M. Crandall.	George E. and Lydia A.	Benson.
16	Myra E. White.	Wendell H. and Annie.	Childs.
18	Eva F. Harlow.	Bradford and Emily C.	Hineckley.
19	Ada F. Deane.	Herman H. and Mary E.	Downing.
20	Samuel W. Raymond.	Rufus H. and Lillie J.	Caswell.
21	Dorothy Shaw.	Benjamin C. and Betsey J.	Shurtleff.
27	— Carver.	Joseph and Mary B.	Caswell.
28	Clara A. Freeman.	Otis J. and Elizabeth.	Little.
Sept. 8	— Bennett.	Benjamin and Alice W.	Raymond.
10	Lizzie G. Ryder.	Everett T. and Anna J.	Tinkham.
19	Carlton I. White.	Nelson C. and Susie.	Prime.
22	Sarah Montgomery.	Malcolm and Elsie.	McDonough.
25	William E. Kelley.	Michael and Arena.	Quinn.
27	Frank H. Shaw.	Dana H. and Nellie W.	Peckham.
30	Laura Thompson.	John and Julia.	Richards.
Oct. 1	Clarence F. Ashley.	Lugeanne and Nancy.	Wright.
6	Hazel F. Norton.	Lee C. and Emily S.	Dyer.
7	Marian E. Tinkham.	Edgar W. and Margaret A.	Walker.
7	Clarence L. Shaw.	Levi and Laura A.	Pittsley.
13	Howard A. Straffin.	Arthur F. and Mary L.	Alden.
24	Anna E. Cushing.	Alfred M. and Flora M.	Shurtleff.
25	Sarah Wesson.	Henry A. and Anna C.	McCrillis.
29	Arthur C. Vaughan.	Harry C. and Lucy J.	Wrightington.
30	Eva D. Beisecker.	Philip H. and Mary L.	Bradford.
Nov. 4	— West.	Thomas B. and Waitstill.	Leonard.
5	Mary Fickert.	Robert and Emma.	Rudolph.
6	Frank H. Harrington.	Timothy and Margaret.	Kelley.
11	John O. Stanwood.	Gustavus and Ellen.	Osterburg.
15	Florence Bryant.	George F. and Roxanna E.	Hagen.
17	— Barney.	Ellis V. and Lucia K.	Harden.
18	Stanwood W. Sparrow.	Samuel J. and Emma J.	Ward.
18	Gertrude L. Cox.	G. Alton and Clara M.	Hagen.
27	— Brackett.	— Carrie M.	Brackett.
27	Perley M. Phinney.	Benjamin F. and Cora G.	Curtis.
Déc. 2	Mary L. Marquis.	Leon and Minerva.	Pellius.
5	Rosamond Jordao.	Thomas D. and Marianna.	Camara.
6	Forest E. Cole.	Elmer B. and Emma M.	Anderson.
6	— Bourne.	Frederic W. and Lucy W.	Thomas.
7	Antone Thomas.	Antone and Mary.	Melia.
8	— Shurtleff.	N. Frank and Lucy S.	Tillson.
10	— Freeman.	Andrew and Matilda K.	Simmons.
11	Lucy M. Farrington.	Henry A. and Ida M.	Chandler.
13	Melantha V. Pittsley.	Charles P. and Sarah J.	Long.
14	— McCormick.	John F. and Edith M.	Chase.
23	Mary E. Short.	Frank and Camelia.	Paynette.
23	Rosa E. Short.	" "	"
23	Louise S. Wilbur.	Ansel C. and Mary K.	Weston.
27	Whitcomb.	William H. and Carrie M.	Wright.
30	— Calwell.	Marcina F. and Alice T.	Shaw.
30	— Dunham.	Herman and Lena.	Morris.

## Deaths Registered in Middleborough in 1888.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	1 Gertie E. Baxter,		3	23	Marasmus. [diarrhœa.
	3 Mrs. Jerusha B. Thompson,	73		3	Old age and chronic
	4 Julia May Allen,	21	3		Cerebral hyperæmia.
	4 Francis H. Galligan,	2	5		Water on the brain.
	6 Mrs. Lillie A. Tribou,	32	8		Consumption.
	6 Mrs. Jane T. Smith,	56	7	1	Rheumatic pericarditis.
	12 Mrs. Eliza A. Caswell,	73	1	22	Heart disease.
	14 Mrs. Mary A. White,	35	10	10	Consumption.
	21 Nelson Ober,	29	6	29	"
	30 Darius Phillips,	68	7		Apoplexy.
	31 Frank R. Collins,	2			Cholera infantum.
	31 Harrison Barrows,	75	10	19	Shock.
Feb.	1 Charles T. Tillson,	50	3	6	Bronchial consumption.
	6 George S. Clark,		11	14	Pneumonia.
	7 Mrs. Joanna Smith,	69	10	24	Pericarditis.
	12 Thomas Weston,	83	11	15	Kidney trouble.
	12 Mrs. Delia P. Gibbs,	87	5	20	Pneumonia.
	14 Mrs. Mary C. Bowman,	28	8	17	Septicæmia.
	16 George P. Nye,	78	3	2	Old age.
	19 Simeon M. Pratt,	82	4	17	Paralysis.
	21 Mrs. Anne J. Barrett,	81			Heart disease.
	26 Timothy Creeden,	85			Erysipelas.
	26 Rodney A. Neal,			12	
	28 John H. Bowker,	48	6	1	Cancer.
Mar.	1 Richard Carter,	64	2		Cancer in stomach.
	3 Ebenezer Tinkham,	64	6		Cirrhosis of liver.
	15 Mrs. Bethia Maxim,	68	6	16	Pneumonia. [tis.
	21 Lizzie C. Leonard,	10		13	Cerebro-spinal meningi-
	22 James Robbins,	82			Old age.
	23 John G. Vaughan,	76	10	15	Heart disease.
	23 Isaac Tinkham,	68			Pneumonia.
	24 Carlton F. Penniman,	1	4	24	Membranous croup.
	24 Morton Freeman,	80			Congestion of bowels.
	25 Minnie A. White,	19	9	6	Consumption.
	27 Albert T. Hall,	27	8		"
	29 William E. Coombs,	24	8	8	Inflammation of bowels
April	4 Mary Sproat,	51	1	1	Apoplexy.
	5 Florence M. Leahy,	2	8	5	Stoppage.
May	21 Lizzie E. Stonehouse,	1	11	9	Marasmus.
	2 Nelson F. Cole,	68	6		Cancer.
	4 Cyrus M. Allen,	53	6	11	Consumption.
	7 Horace W. Thayer,	67			Excessive dissipation.
	10 Ellen McCarthy,	12	9	10	Scarlet fever.
	15 Oliver Eaton,	87	7	10	Heart disease.
	16 Sally Whitmarsh,	82	6		Erysipelatous inflam-
					mation of arm.
June	2 Daniel L. Atwood,	82		2	Old age.
	6 Mrs. Gara A. Wood,	45	6		Pneumonia.
	8 Carleton K. Sparrow,	23	2	24	Inflammation of bowels



Deaths — *Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
June	9 George Marchant,	73	4		Shock.
	16 Mrs. Mary J. Ripley,	76	5	7	Heart disease.
	16 Mrs. Abigail W. Caswell,	72		12	" "
	17 Mary McCarthy,	2	4	19	Acute nephritis.
	24 Frankie E. Ray,	8	4	8	Scarlet fever.
	25 Charles W. Sherman,	40			
July	25 Alton F. Westgate,		2	19	Convulsions.
	3 Mrs. Priscilla B. Shurtleff,	76	5	6	Heart disease.
	4 Mrs. Permelia Carpenter,	82	2		Old age.
	8 John C. Barden,	71	3	16	Heart disease.
	10 Mrs. Abigail B. Weston,	56	9	13	Purpura hemorrhagica.
	12 Veoletta L. Glaze,		3	13	Cholera infantum.
	29 Vera A. Merrick,		4	1	" "
	30 Mrs. Fanny M. White,	73	1	4	Apoplexy.
	31 Harry Stead,		5	2	Cholera infantum.
Aug.	6 Rena E. Thompson,	2	3	7	" "
	6 — Dunham,			1	Infantile.
	6 William Swift,	82	2	5	Heart disease.
	7 Jennie M. Smith,	17	11	7	Interstitial pneumonia.
	11 Mrs. Caro. D. Southworth,	52	8	26	Scirrhus.
	16 Mrs. Martha Keith,	59	4	21	Combination of diseases
	17 Albert L. Hoxie,			19	Sore mouth.
	18 Arthur L. Bowman,		11	7	Cholera infantum.
	18 Elsia A. Leahy,		2	13	" "
	20 Mrs. Ella D. Stonehouse,	31	6		Consumption.
	23 Mrs. Maria Quindley,	70	11	11	Heart disease.
	28 Harold T. Monroe,		9	17	Cholera infantum.
Sept.	2 Mrs. Susan C. Harding,	70			Chronic hepatitis.
	3 Mrs. Sarah A. McCrillis,	69	7		Heart disease.
	6 Mrs. Hannah C. Blake,	67	10		Cancer.
	10 Joshua S. Turner,	77	1	28	Consumption.
	13 Mrs. Rhoda Manchester,	79	8	4	Paralysis.
	14 Mrs. Laura J. Mellen,	33	2	23	Ureanic poisoning.
	17 Lois P. Freeman,		11	21	Mal-assimilation of in- anition.
	18 David J. Westgate,	75	8	5	Suicide.
	21 Ethel Whittemore,		4	19	Cholera infantum.
	27 Mrs. Annie J. Coombs,	48	2	21	Consumption of blood.
	30 Richard B. Holmes,	79	5	20	Insufficiency of mitral valve of the heart.
Oct.	8 Mrs. Priscilla Taylor,	69	7	25	Heart disease.
	20 Mrs. Hannah Atwood,	77	1	18	Nervous aberration.
	26 Annie J. McCarthy,	1	3	8	Teething.
	30 Elijah Alden,	98	4	20	Bright's disease.
	31 George C. Howe,	39			Heart disease.
Nov.	1 Priscilla Wood,	76	4	27	Old age.
	10 Adoniram J. Smith,	72		28	Senile gangrene.
	16 Rev. Wilson C. Ryder,	82	10	5	Congestion of lungs.
	11 William R. Jones,	30	6	11	Acute tuberculosis.



Deaths — *Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Nov. 19	Susanna T. Shurtleff,	19	10	19	Consumption.
27	Sarah H. S. K. Wentworth,	3	1	12	Congestion of brain.
28	Mary J. Willis,	56	7	4	Consumption.
28	Carrie M. Brackett,	20	3	8	Childbirth.
Dec. 7	Mrs. Mary A. Sampson,	66	9	3	Fibroid tumor.
9	Forest E. Cole,			3	Inanition.
10	Mrs. Eleanor H. Barden,	69		18	Blood poisoning.
12	Charles Boardman,	14	9		Heart disease.
29	Shubael P. Edwards,	60		25	Pneumonia.

## SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in Middleborough for the year 1888 :

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1888,	73
Oldest groom, 77.	Oldest bride, 63.
Youngest groom, 20.	Youngest bride, 16.
First marriage of 126 persons.	59 males, 67 females.
Second " 19 "	13 " 6 "
Third " 1 "	1 "
146	73 couples.

## BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1888,	101
Males, 43.	Females, 58.

## DEATHS.

Number of deaths registered in 1888,	107
Males, 52.	Females, 55.

## AGES.

Stillborn,	3	Under one year,	15
Between 1 and 5 years,	9	Between 5 and 10 years,	1
" 10 " 20 "	6	" 20 " 30 "	7
" 30 " 40 "	6	" 40 " 50 "	4
" 50 " 60 "	8	" 60 " 70 "	14
" 70 " 80 "	20	" 80 " 90 "	13
" 90 " 100 "	1		

## DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1888,	441
Males, 409.	Females, 32.

C. T. THATCHER,  
Town Clerk.

# VOTE OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, NOV. 6, 1888.

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## FOR PRESIDENT.

Harrison and Morton Electors at large, .....	619
Cleveland and Thurman Electors at large, .....	300
Fisk and Brooks Electors at large, .....	76
(Based on the vote for the first named elector on the tickets.)	

## FOR GOVERNOR.

Oliver Ames, of Easton, .....	576
William E. Russell, of Cambridge, .....	337
William H. Earle, of Worcester, .....	77

## FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John Q. A. Brackett, of Arlington, .....	621
John W. Corcoran, of Clinton, .....	297
John Bascom, of Williamstown, .....	77

## FOR SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Henry B. Peirce, of Abington, .....	621
William N. Osgood, of Boston, .....	298
Henry C. Smith, of Williamsburg, .....	76

## FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL.

George A. Marden, of Lowell, .....	620
Henry C. Thacher, of Yarmouth, .....	299
John M. Fisher, of Attleborough, .....	76

## FOR AUDITOR.

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield, .....	621
William A. Williams, of Worcester, .....	298
Edmund M. Stowe, of Hudson, .....	76

## FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Andrew J. Waterman, of Pittsfield, .....	620
Samuel O. Lamb, of Greenfield, .....	298
Allen Coffin, of Nantucket, .....	77

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

Charles S. Randall, of New Bedford, .....	599
George Delano, of Rochester, .....	178
John W. Cummings, of Fall River, .....	139
William Miller, of Swansea, .....	74
Benjamin Frank Jones, of Middleborough, .....	1
Jared F. Alden, of Fall River, .....	1

## FOR COUNCILLOR FOR FIRST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT.

Isaac N. Keith, of Bourne, .....	619
John M. Hathaway, of Fairhaven, .....	297
Henry C. Coombs, of Middleborough, .....	77

## FOR SENATOR FOR SECOND PLYMOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

James H. Harlow, of Middleborough, .....	612
Hamilton L. Gibbs, of Brockton, .....	290
Samuel L. Beal, of Brockton, .....	75
James H. Harlow, of Brockton, .....	1

## FOR REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

John C. Sullivan, of Middleborough, .....	647
Edward E. Hobart, of Plymouth, .....	257
Charles E. Bailey, of Scituate, .....	74
Edward E. Hobart, .....	1

## FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Albert Davis, of Whitman, .....	621
Hiram Randall, of Pembroke, .....	298
David B. Gurney, of Whitman, .....	76

## FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

William S. Danforth, of Plymouth,.....	622
John J. Ford, of Scituate, .....	297
Israel H. Hatch, of Marshfield,.....	76

## FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Jedediah Dwelley, of Hanover, .....	619
Peleg T. Brooks, of Kingston,.....	298
Nathan Beal, of Rockland,.....	76

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

Jared F. Alden, of Middleborough,.....	625
Benjamin F. Tripp, of Middleborough, .....	271
Benjamin Frank Jones, of Middleborough, .....	79
Benjamin F. Jones, of Middleborough, .....	13
B. F. Jones, .....	1
Joseph E. Beals, of Middleborough,.....	1

# TOWN WARRANT.

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## ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 18, 1889.

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. The following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz. : Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, and Fish Wardens.

3d. To vote upon the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. Ballots to be "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?"

4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges the present year.

5th. To see if the town will vote to accept Sections 74, 75, 76, and 77 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, authorizing towns to choose Road Commissioners, and act anything thereon.

6th. To see if the town will vote to choose a Board of Road Commissioners, and act anything thereon.

7th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the present year, and determine when the same shall be assessed, and how appropriated.

8th. To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer, and report the condition of their treasury.

9th. To choose a Board of Auditors.

10th. To vote the pay of the Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.

11th. To dispose of the town's right to take alewives the present year, and act anything thereon.



12th. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen Pound Keepers.

13th. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their Alms-house, and act anything thereon.

14th. To allow accounts against the town, and act anything thereon.

15th. To take action in relation to clearing the highways of snow the present year.

16th. To hear and act on the reports of any officers or committees of the town.

17th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

18th. To see if the town will vote to pay the expense of a Night Watch in the Four Corner village, and act anything thereon.

19th. To hear the report of the Committee on Street Lighting for the coming year, and act anything in regard to lighting the streets.

20th. To dispose of the money received for licenses the present year, and act anything thereon.

21st. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day, and act anything thereon.

22d. To see if the town will vote to pay their School Committee for their services for the ensuing year, and act anything thereon.

23d. To see if the town will vote to continue the insurance on the Town House, and act anything thereon.

24th. To see if the town will vote to build a Lock-up, and act anything thereon.

25th. To see what action the town will take in relation to the demand of Mrs. Ada A. Barrows, of Carver, for damages sustained near the Star Mills bridge on account of the alleged defect in the highway.

26th. To see if the town will appropriate any money for sprinkling streets, and act anything thereon.

27th. To take action on the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

28th. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Freetown, and Rochester.

29th. To see if the town will authorize and direct the trustees of the public library to choose a treasurer from their own number.

30th. To see if the town will appropriate any money for "out of door concerts" to be given by the Middleborough Band this year, and act anything thereon. (By request.)

31st. To see what action the town will take in reference to damages and injuries sustained by Otis Briggs and Thomas L. Ellis at N. B. Sherman's works on account of alleged defect in the railing side of the highway.

32d. To see what action the town will take in relation to the claim of A. C. Bennett for injury sustained on the corner of Center and Forest streets, on account of alleged defect in the highway.

33d. To see if the town will provide some suitable office for the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee.

34th. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 64, 65, 66, 67, and 68 of Chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, authorizing towns to choose Selectmen and Assessors for the term of three years, and act anything thereon. (By request.)

35th. To see if the town will vote to choose its Selectmen and Assessors in accordance with the provisions of said Statutes. (By request.)



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF  
MIDDLEBOROUGH,

For the Year 1889.

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MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.:  
MIDDLEBOROUGH GAZETTE BOOK AND JOB OFFICE.  
1890.

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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TERM EXPIRES 1890.

AUGUSTUS PRATT,

ADELINE V. WOOD.

TERM EXPIRES 1891.

GEORGE L. ELLIS,

JAMES H. WESTON.

TERM EXPIRES 1892.

JOHN C. SULLIVAN,

AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

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## OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

GEORGE L. ELLIS, Chairman.

EDWARD P. FITTS, Secretary.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

EDWARD P. FITTS.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On Teachers : Messrs. ELLIS and SULLIVAN and Mrs. WOOD.

On Supplies : Messrs. ELLIS, WESTON and SULLIVAN.

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## PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

Schools Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, SUPERINTENDENT.

Schools Nos. 3, 4, 6, Mrs. A. V. WOOD.

Schools Nos. 8, 16, and School Street, G. L. ELLIS.

Schools Nos. 20, 21, 22, AUGUSTUS PRATT.

School No. 2, AUGUSTUS H. SOULE.

Schools Nos. 14, 19, and Union Street, J. H. WESTON.

High School, J. C. SULLIVAN.

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Office of Superintendent of Schools in the Town House.

Office Hours every school day from 8 to 9 A. M.

# Report of the School Committee.

## TO THE CITIZENS OF MIDDLEBOROUGH:

The following financial report, together with that of the Superintendent, is respectfully submitted by your Committee:

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Mrs. Murray, cleaning at No. 20, .....	\$2.60
H. N. Pratt & Son, sundries, .....	5.29
J. H. Weston, setting glass at Union street, .....	.70
S. S. Lovell, gravel for School street, .....	4.50
Middleborough Gas Light Co., gas to Jan. 1, .....	6.60
C. W. Barrows, setting glass at Rock, .....	1.27
L. Lincoln & Son, repairs, .....	.75
Albert E. Frost, labor, No. 12, .....	.50
Jones Bros., sundries, .....	3.76
Middleborough Gas Light Co., gas to Feb. 1, .....	2.40
William R. Whitcomb, teaming ashes, .....	3.75
James M. Coombs, printing reports, .....	15.00
Middleborough Gas Light Co., gas for February, .....	1.50
A. G. Whitcomb, desks, .....	14.45
J. H. Weston, cash advanced for labor, .....	2.50
Edson Ellis, repairs at School street, .....	2.00
Middleborough Gas Light Co., gas for March, .....	2.00
H. A. Sparrow, painting, Union street, .....	97.49
Middleborough Gas Light Co., gas for April, .....	.50
Middleborough Gas & Electric Light Co., gas for May, .....	1.00
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, .....	17.18
Jones Bros., table, .....	17.00
W. H. Southworth, labor and stock, .....	76.24
Roland Bunker, labor, .....	15.35
J. H. Weston, labor, .....	2.00
Edwin J. Wrightington, cleaning No. 8, .....	3.00



C. A. Wood, inscribing diplomas.....	3.25
S. W. Reed, labor and stock,.....	7.64
Charles H. Tribou, mowing,.....	1.50
F. W. Hayden, repairs, and battery,.....	8.85
E. F. Tinkham, repairs, .....	.75
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., stock, .....	16.69
F. W. Hayden, battery and clock,.....	11.00
C. W. Barrows, labor and stock, No. 13,.....	12.50
H. J. Roberts, labor and stock, Nos. 13 and 14, ....	13.10
M. E. Deane, cleaning No. 3,.....	2.00
B. F. Baker, painting Nos. 14 and 19,.....	29.00
H. N. Wilbur, labor, No. 3,.....	1.50
Augustus Pratt, cash paid for cleaning No. 21,.....	2.00
J. P. Morse, labor, No. 2, .....	9.87
Hannah C. Thomas, et al, cleaning No. 14,.....	1.20
John W. Flansburg, labor, No. 12.....	1.00
George L. Soule, table and chairs,.....	9.90
F. A. Nants, extra labor, .....	4.00
E. H. Shaw, clearing lot No. 10,.....	3.00
Ira O. Littlejohn, stock and labor, .....	2.00
William F. Dean, moulding-board, .....	1.00
H. A. Sparrow, stock and labor,.....	13.25
W. E. Bump. brooms, .....	2.00
Lloyd Perkins, 2d, sundries,.....	7.40
Warren S. Gibbs, stock and labor, No. 20,.....	41.54
Josiah H. Thomas, labor, .....	1.50
Mrs. Blee, cleaning,.....	2.00
E. F. Tinkham, repairs. ....	1.25
C. W. Maxim, labor, .....	7.20
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber,.....	2.28
“ “ “ “ .....	7.44
Jones Bros., curtains, .....	2.10
Mrs. Emma Benson, cleaning, .....	1.00
J. H. Weston, sundries, .....	3.00
B. F. Baker, labor,.....	4.60
J. & G. E. Doane, sundries.....	84.75
Roland Bunker, repairs, .....	4.75
L. P. Thatcher, rent of piano, .....	32.00

A. J. Wood, painting No. 6, .....	15.52
John P. Morse, painting No. 2, .....	9.93
E. F. Tinkham, repairs, .....	.50
J. H. Weston, labor, .....	5.50
Middleborough Gas & Electric Light Co., gas, .....	6.00
Total, .....	<u>\$696.59</u>

### TRANSPORTATION TO HIGH SCHOOL.

Marion P. Alden, .....	\$6.82
Della Barrows, .....	20.32
Mattie Carter, .....	8.50
Mabel Clarke, .....	16.50
Edith M. Coffin, .....	11.40
Rena Dunham, .....	16.51
Jennie Gammons, .....	21.75
Sadie Morse, .....	5.50
W. L. Phinney, .....	16.20
H. H. Ryder, .....	16.51
Lucretia B. Shurtleff, .....	13.38
Olive A. Smith, .....	16.51
Granville E. Tillson, .....	10.16
Albert E. Frost, .....	6.69
Harry Harvey, .....	10.16
Annie M. Reed, .....	12.84
Alfred A. Shaw, .....	2.80
Alfred F. Shurtleff, .....	13.38
Chester E. Smith, .....	21.75
Arthur C. Thomas, .....	13.38
Addie Washburn, .....	22.38
Nellie F. Wood, .....	2.81
Arthur L. Aldrich, .....	6.11
Etta Atwood, .....	21.75
Clifford T. Cornish, .....	13.80
Addie Frank, .....	10.16
Albert F. Lee, .....	10.90
Jason F. Thurston, .....	16.51

R. May Tinkham,.....	4.45
Estella S. Barber,.....	16.51
Jennie L. Aldrich, .....	1.95
Laura Atwood, .....	6.35
Arthur R. Coffin, .....	6.70
H. L. Cushman, .....	6.35
Stephen W. Fletcher,.....	4.50
Emily Fuller,.....	8.37
M. Ellie Muller, .....	3.45
Walter L. Morse, .....	3.55
Linnie M. Pratt.....	3.55
Alma J. Ryder.....	6.35
Katie Ryder, .....	8.37
Bessie A. Thompson,.....	6.80
Total, .....	<hr/> \$452.73

#### EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION, FUEL, AND CARE OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

School No. 2, Waterville,.....	\$278.55
“ 3, Green, .....	319.60
“ 4, Nemasket, .....	320.05
“ 6, Thompsonville, .....	300.60
“ 8, Thomastown,.....	291.60
“ 10, South Middleborough, .....	295.28
“ 12, Highland,.....	307.29
“ 13, Rock, .....	307.95
“ 14, Fall Brook, .....	324.70
“ 16, Wappanucket,.....	313.77
“ 19, Purchase,.....	328.83
“ 20, Plymouth Street,.....	267.50
“ 21, Pleasant Street, .....	342.50
“ 18, (including one-half fuel and proportion of janitor's salary in the H. S. building,)	4,133.19
High school, .....	2,502.72
Tuition to Lakeville to Jan. 31, 1889,.....	10.35
Tuition to Bridgewater to Jan. 1, 1890, .....	60.00
Total, .....	<hr/> \$10,704.48

Paid for transportation from No. 22 to No. 21,.....	\$171.00
“ “ “ No. 1 to No. 2, .....	129.00
“ “ to No. 6,.....	15.60
“ “ from No. 11 to No. 10, .....	106.50
“ “ to No. 10,.....	1.90
“ “ from No. 17 to No. 16, .....	180.00
Total for transportation,.....	<u>\$604.00</u>

### TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

C. W. Clark,.....	\$14.86
D. Appleton & Co.,.....	67.09
Boston School Supply Co., .....	141.25
Ginn & Co.,.....	96.51
Educational Supply Co., .....	44.80
Clark & Maynard, .....	1.50
Edward E. Babb & Co., .....	8.65
Carl Schoenhof,.....	1.20
Joseph Gillott & Sons,.....	11.77
H. L. Thatcher & Co.,.....	20.85
Cassell & Co.,.....	3.20
George S. Perry.....	51.04
D. C. Heath & Co., .....	39.59
The Thorp & Adams Mfg. Co.,.....	5.25
Harrison Hume, .....	11.69
A. C. Stockin,.....	24.30
A. S. Barnes & Co., .....	9.17
Thompson. Brown & Co.,.....	42.97
Interstate Publishing Co.,.....	22.30
W. E. Bump,.....	2.00
Eastern Educational Bureau, .....	34.20
Alden Publishing Co., .....	1.80
F. M. Ambrose, .....	15.75
George F. King & Merrill, .....	14.40
Jones Bros., .....	.75
Cowperthwait & Co., .....	40.96
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,.....	.80

Charles H. Kilborn, .....	41.47
Warren P. Adams, .....	17.21
Ivison, Blakeman & Co., .....	39.00
Harper & Bros., .....	27.33
Massasoit Paper Co., .....	55.81
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., .....	10.08
John Shaw, .....	11.25
Thomas W. Pierce, .....	50.20
Lee & Shepard, .....	10.42
Total, .....	<u>\$991.42</u>
Balance unexpended, .....	8.58

#### SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL REPAIRS.

J. C. Sullivan, cash paid for freight, .....	\$ .87
S. D. Hicks & Son, coppersmiths, .....	127.77
William R. Whitcomb, teaming, .....	11.40
Waldo Bros., cement, .....	8.00
S. L. Washburn, labor and stock, .....	379.12
M. H. Cushing & Co., lime and cement, .....	16.25
J. & G. E. Doane, sundries, .....	9.25
Total, .....	<u>\$552.66</u>
Overdrawn, .....	52.66

#### SUMMARY.

General appropriation, .....	\$11,500.00
Appropriation for incidentals, .....	2,000.00
Appropriation for text-books and supplies, .....	1,000.00
Received from town of Bridgewater, .....	31.50
Received from the State, .....	175.30
	<u>\$14,706.80</u>

Expended for instruction, fuel, and care of school-houses, .....	\$10,704.48	
Expended for incidentals, .....	696.59	
“        transportation to High school, .....	452.73	
“        other transportation, .....	604.00	
“        text-books and supplies, .....	991.42	
“        repairs on High school build'g, .....	552.66	14,001.88
Balance undrawn, .....		<u>\$704.92</u>

It may be asked how we are enabled to close the year with so large a balance in the treasury. One reason is that the committee have expended only such sums as were necessary, and a second reason is that in making out the financial report it is impossible this year to get all the items into it which rightfully belong there. Owing to the delay in repairing the High school building, the pay of the teachers in that building for one week must go over into the next year's account. There still remains one bill for repairs which will also have to come into the expenses of the coming year. While the expenses of transportation have increased over the preceding year, the expense of heating the High school building has decreased from \$608.48 in 1888, to \$275.47 in 1889. This is owing to several causes, among which are the mildness of the weather, the covering of the steam pipes, the closing of the cracks about the windows, and the experience of the janitor.

We respectfully submit the following as the sums necessary to carry on the work of the schools for the coming year:

General appropriation, .....	\$11,500.00
Incidental expenses, .....	2,000.00
Text-books and supplies, .....	1,000.00
Superintendent's salary, .....	1,200.00

Having approved the following report of the Superintendent, we respectfully ask your attention to the same.

GEORGE L. ELLIS,	Mrs. A. V. WOOD,
JAMES H. WESTON,	JOHN C. SULLIVAN,
AUGUSTUS PRATT,	AUGUSTUS H. SOULE,

*School Committee.*



# Report of the Superintendent of Schools.

*To the School Committee of Middleborough:*

The following is respectfully submitted to your consideration as my fourth report, covering the period from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1889. In it will be noted the usual statistics, arranged as in former years, with such suggestions in regard to the work of the schools as it has been thought by me to be of interest to you.

## STATISTICS.

Number of children between 5 and 15, May 1, 1889,	886
Increase over 1888, . . . . .	21
Number between 8 and 14, . . . . .	554
Increase over 1888, . . . . .	15

	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Whole number belonging, . . . . .	827	815	812	860	835	811	860	847	829
Average attendance, . . . . .	715	700	703	776	719	723	767	775	739
Tardiness, . . . . .	232	200	262	193	190	112	171	185	152
Dismissals, . . . . .	251	207	251	278	267	150	267	187	132
Truants, . . . . .	5	3	0	9	1	1	2	3	1
Visits. . . . .	106	127	241	114	222	104	134	114	143

The following are the names of the pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy for the entire year:

## HIGH SCHOOL.

Erna M. Leach,	Isabel Paun.
Eben H. Shaw,	Rose Clapp,
Grace Paun.	Emma Phinney,
Fred. N. Foye,	Lydia D. Kingman,
Arthur Tripp,	Miriam Hathaway.

GRAMMAR.

Julia Deane,	Grace Lovell,
Gussie Thomas,	Mattie Bennett,
Delia Kingman,	Bertie Tripp,
Eliza Alexander,	Lottie Tinkham,
Willie Crapo,	Louis Keyes,
Eddie Rudolph,	John Belden,
Harry Dunham.	

PRIMARY.

Charles T. Fitts,	Edgar A. Paun.
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WATERVILLE.

Clarence E. Smith,	Jennie Washburn.
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THOMPSONVILLE.

George A. Deane,	Laura C. Deane.
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SOUTH MIDDLEBOROUGH.

Nellie Benson.

PURCHASE.

Percy Tobey,	Lester White.
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Whole number of schools,.....	23
Whole number of teachers,.....	25
Number of different teachers during the year,.....	32
Whole number of different pupils enrolled, .....	984
Increase over 1888, .....	27
Number of boys enrolled,.....	464
Number of girls enrolled, .....	520
Number of teachers graduates of the Middleborough High school, .....	10
Number of teachers graduates of Normal schools.....	14
Number of teachers who have attended Normal or Training schools, .....	6
Number of teachers of home production, .....	15
Number of teachers called from out of town, .....	17

Cost per pupil for instruction, fuel, and care of school-houses, based upon the average membership for the year :

Waterville, .....	\$12.11
Green, .....	12.78
Nemasket, .....	10.00
Thomastown, .....	13.88
Thompsonville, .....	21.47
South Middleborough, .....	18.45
Highland, .....	15.36
Rock, .....	8.55
Fall Brook, .....	12.03
Wappanucket, .....	20.92
Purchade, .....	12.18
Plymouth Street, .....	16.72
Pleasant Street, .....	12.23
Village, .....	9.44
High, .....	24.78

## REPAIRS.

In accordance with the policy of the committee to do a little improvement to the school property each year, repairs of a much needed nature have been done to the Rock school-house in replastering and repapering the walls; painting within and without at Fall Brook; painting at Purchade; painting, papering, and refencing at Plymouth Street; refencing and painting at Waterville; and painting at Thompsonville. In the village the Union Street building has been repainted, and extensive repairs made upon the roof of the High school building by removing the terra-cotta work and carrying up the walls and covering with copper and slate. All the gables now present a uniform appearance, and the work has so far withstood the rains. The house at Thomastown needs painting outside and in, and the walls of the rooms at South Middleborough and Purchade need brightening.

## TEACHERS.

The following teachers have resigned during the year: Flora M. Clark, Lurana W. Thomas, Ella F. Kilbrith, Abbie S. Beals, A. Frances Nichols, Iva S. Price, Grace D. Beat-tie, Eleanor G. Shaw.

The new teachers elected were: Clara W. Eaton, Eleanor G. Shaw, Isa L. Deane, Lida L. Shaw, Susan M. Pattangall, Sadie M. Lake, Lizzie H. Drew.

We regret having to record so many changes, but louder calls came from other places and were accepted by our teachers. In some cases illness prevented further service, and enforced rest was taken.

We think it worth mentioning that we secured five Normal graduates out of the seven new teachers, one graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, and one from our own Training school.

I desire to call special attention to the statistics in regard to our teachers for the past year.

## VISITORS.

While in no month has the number of reported visits fallen below one hundred, there have been some schools that have reported month after month no visit but that made by the Superintendent. In the aggregate there have been reported twenty-four months when no parent or relative or friend, save your representative, has visited the schools. The largest number of visits in one school reported for any one month has been twenty-eight. We are exceedingly sorry to report such a state of things, but it is with the hope that parents may be induced to give more attention to this matter. We are confident that it is not from any disregard of their children's welfare, perhaps thinking that they know the standing of the children well enough from the monthly reports sent by the teachers, and the daily reports of the children. Many parents mean to visit the schools, but in the press of other

cares never find just the right time, and the term has passed before they are aware of it. Some not only intend but really do visit the schools and see for themselves the work that is being done. These visits greatly encourage the younger children, at least, and ought to prove an incentive to the older ones, though it is well known that the majority of older students do not miss the visits of parents. Could these parents know with how much courage the teachers enter upon their work when they know that their efforts are appreciated and supported by substantial help at home, from a mere selfish interest they would often visit the schools and learn what they can do to lend a helping hand. Much of the friction which may arise between the school and the home could be easily obviated were there a mutual understanding between teacher and parent in regard to the work required and the ability to accomplish it.

Allow me to assure parents and friends that if they wish real solid enjoyment it can be found by visiting the schools, and especially the Primary. There they may watch the development of mind and body, and see for themselves how rapidly and dexterously the children of to-day learn to read and write, cipher, sing, draw, and talk. The world moves in the schoolroom, and none know how to appreciate the fact so well as do those who visit the schools.

## READING.

We have tried various methods of teaching reading to beginners, and have thought that the best method was the one we have used for some years of teaching single words, one after another, by script from the blackboard, until from one hundred and fifty to two hundred had been learned as wholes, had been analyzed by sounds and spelt by letters. This Fall term we have tried what is called the sentence method, the one used in the city of Chelsea. This differs from our previ-



ous method essentially in this, — that instead of teaching a single word by itself, that word has been incorporated into a sentence, and the teacher, by skillful questioning, gets the sentence which she wishes from the child, first in an oral expression, then writes it upon the board, and then the written expression is read by the child. To get these oral expressions the teacher brings before the children toys of all sorts, puts them into their hands, talks with them about the objects, and takes such expressions from them as : I have a cow, I see a cow, The cow has two horns, The cow gives milk, It is my cow, etc. From these expressions the word cow is forever fixed in the memory, good expression is being taught in the reading, and intuitively the child is learning “I have,” “I see,” “It is,” and the like, without having his attention called to them especially. After and while learning many nouns in this way, common adjectives, such as pretty, little, white, and black, are being learned, and the pronouns my, his, her, he, she, etc. So far as we have tested the method we find greater interest developed, better expression, and more rapid progress made. We still insist that while this gives the children a good start, they need also to know the sounds of letters, so that when they come to words which they have not learned as wholes they shall quickly put the parts together and be no longer dependent upon the teacher for help. And finally, we are convinced that there is no way to make good spellers but by beginning very early to put the letters together to form the word. This elementary work, before taking up a book, requires about six months with an ordinary class.

So many calls come from parents for reading-books for their little ones that it has seemed best to me to explain again that we have so many different readers that one book remains in the hands of a pupil but a short time. As soon as it is read through that particular book is passed along to some other school, and a fresh book is put in its place. For the convenience of parents and new teachers, a list of the books



now in use is appended. First Readers: Swinton's Primer and First Reader, Sheldon's, Butler's, Appleton's, Barnes', Eclectic, Monroe's, Lippincott's, Harper's, Badlam's, Holmes', Stickney's, and Interstate. Second Readers: Eclectic, Barnes', Lippincott's, Appleton's, Swinton's, Monroe's, Sheldon's, Butler's, Harper's, Holmes', Stickney's, and Interstate. Third Readers: Swinton's, Lippincott's, Appleton's, Eclectic, Sheldon's, Monroe's, Harper's, and Holmes'. Fourth Readers: Lippincott's, Eclectic, Swinton's, Appleton's Introductory, Appleton's, Monroe's, Butler's. Fifth Readers: Swinton's, Lippincott's, and Eclectic. Supplementary Reading: Primary grades—Book of Fables, Cats and Dogs, Friends in Feathers and Fur, Stories for Young Children, Seaside and Wayside No. 1; Grammar grades—American Prose Authors, Golden Book of Choice Reading, Lady of the Lake, Seven Little Sisters, Each and All, Our World, Swiss Family Robinson, Stories of the Old World, Stories from American History, Stories from New England History, Robinson Crusoe, Tales from Shakspeare, Wings and Fins, World by the Fireside, Wayside and Seaside No. 2. Of no one of these books have we many copies, but in all have sets enough to give fresh reading matter to every pupil in town as soon as one set is completed. Some sets of readers are easier than others, and having different kinds one is enabled to select such reading matter as is best suited to the advancement of any class. Should it be found on trial that any book is too hard, it can readily be exchanged for something easier, and the interest of the class maintained until harder work can be done. By no other method do we believe a taste for good reading can be so well cultivated.

In addition to what books the town supplies, children bring their own papers and magazines, and the teachers supply a large quantity from their own collections. From these many a pleasant and profitable Friday afternoon hour is spent with the greatest and best authors.

## ARITHMETIC.

With nine, and for many of the pupils ten years, before entering the High school, with two terms of the first year and one of the last year in the High school spent upon this subject, it seems as if our pupils ought to come from our graduating classes fully prepared to do accurately and rapidly any ordinary work in arithmetic. Repeated tests show that the work grows better and better in the upper classes in proportion to the thoroughness with which the four fundamental rules are mastered. That there has not been practice enough on these rules we are fully convinced, and to remedy the defect we have put forth special efforts in this direction, beginning with the third year in school. We have no desire to change the work of the first or second grade. So far as our experience and observation go, it is fully abreast of the best schools. Beginning with the third grade, we have arranged our work as nearly as possible as it will appear in actual business, discarding the signs  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ , and  $\div$ , which have thus far been used to indicate operations to be performed. In addition, columns of numbers are given to be added, first of one figure, then of two figures, then of three, care being taken to give but few numbers at a time, and those made up of small denominations, then increasing the number in a column and also the size of the denomination. By insisting upon perfect accuracy, and by gradually increasing the difficulty of the work, good results are already appearing. We are paying greater attention to mental problems through all the grades. This is done by taking a few minutes each day for rapid work, and it is exceedingly pleasant to notice the development of the thinking powers.

Our teachers are being impressed more and more with the importance of not confining themselves to doing the definite amount of work as laid down in the course for them, but also reviewing the work of previous years as new subjects are

taken up involving work already taken and presumably well known but forgotten or never comprehended. With increased age and greater power on the part of the pupils, these subjects are being so thoroughly fixed that we hope they may never be effaced. Our course has been criticised as having too much arithmetic in it, but not until we secure better results than at present shall we feel authorized to urge retrenchment in this study. What we do need, and what we are trying to do, is to pick out the essential matters to be taught, and to teach them so thoroughly that they become a living part of the child, always ready at his command for practical use.

### SPELLING.

The ability to spell English words seems to be a gift of which many people are deprived. With all the years spent in the schoolroom it would seem that pupils might be able to spell the common words of daily life, and yet I have been amazed, both in a regular spelling-lesson and in ordinary written exercises, to see how many words have been misspelled. These words are often found in definitions which have been before the eyes day after day, and yet have never been seen. By no means do we find the worst spelling in the lowest grades, perhaps from the reason that the child's vocabulary is so much smaller than an older pupil's, and perhaps because less severe judgment is passed upon the little ones on account of their age. We begin to pay particular attention to the spelling of words as soon as the child begins to read. For the first three years much is done in oral spelling and the correction of mistakes found in written exercises as soon as the child is able to write. In the fourth year we begin to write formal lessons in a book which is preserved and used day after day. These lessons are corrected and the incorrect words rewritten so that the final form shall be the correct form. This method is not without its defects, for the incorrect form once written for the eye to behold is not easily

effaced. There is an advantage in having the term's work preserved, as it does act as an incentive to have a clean book nicely written, and without corrections. We still believe there is large room for the old method of oral spelling in addition to the written work. By the old method we mean the method which divides the word into syllables and pronounces the syllables as they are spelled, and repeats from the beginning of the word. This method proves itself of great help in the reading lesson when new words are met, and especially long words. A pupil has courage to attack a part of the word when he is not master of the whole, and we find that it takes training to give one even the courage to start. We find also that pupils trained to this work show their ability to divide correctly words which must be divided at the end of a line in writing. We have found no better way for a pupil to pick out the pronunciation of a word for himself, or to learn it from the teacher, than by first repeating the word orally before trying to spell.

Harrington's Graded Speller, which is now in use and gradually displacing the Worcester's Speller, is a vast improvement on the old book. The words selected are such as will be of more common use, the dictation exercises are excellent, and the reviews tend to fix the words in the mind. We have no hope of making good spellers without constant attention to the words which come before us in every lesson. To this end the scholar's attention is called to the new words as they come up in their reading, not only for the meaning and pronunciation, but also for the spelling.

### LANGUAGE.

We are determined not to make a hobby of any one branch in the school curriculum. There is a strong temptation to single out one branch of study for which one has a decided liking and carry it to such perfection that our schools may gain a reputation at home and abroad which might seem envi-



able. We have visited schools which had a great reputation for doing certain things remarkably well, and have been chagrined to see to what questionable expedients teachers would resort in order to sustain the reputation of their schools. Much rather would we have it said of us that there is a uniform grade of excellence or mediocrity, were it the result of uniform hard work in every study.

We believe that during the past year we have made improvement in our language work, and have not withdrawn any effort from other studies. We begin to see the effects of a better arrangement of the course which began a little more than a year ago. For four or five years there has been a good course in language laid out, but the improvement in the details began by furnishing a definite text-book for the third, fourth, and fifth grades, and more work in the eighth and ninth. In our first year's work we are producing short sentences, neatly written and punctuated, both from dictation and original thinking by the pupils. It is of great benefit in the language lessons to have the children first learn to express themselves in their own language as they begin their first lessons in reading. Every reading lesson thus becomes a language lesson. In our second year's work the pupils are able to put several sentences together by properly connecting words and make a very readable story. Beginning with this grade and continuing through the grammar grades, paragraphs are copied from the reading book. Perhaps the pupils do not understand the use of quotation marks. A paragraph is selected which has several quotations and special attention called to the number of marks required to indicate a quotation, their position and direction. By following this kind of work for several days, the pupils become familiar with the use of the marks and soon learn to be careful in using them in their own work. A similar method is used in dividing the paragraphs into periods, the use of the possessive, capitals, commas, etc. By really seeing these marks as they have to

in copying correctly, they become fixed in their minds, and to-day those schools which have persisted in this work every day as a part of the preparation for a reading lesson can show the best work in any written language exercise which I have called for in my examinations. Our main dependence, however, is not upon copying from the reading book. In the third year the pupils write as review exercises, statements, questions, names, take up for new work the use of is, are, was, were, write stories from pictures, repeat memory gems, write exercises from dictation, write little compositions from suggestive questions, from stories read, change poetry to prose, write letters and learn the use of the common marks of punctuation and capitals. In the fourth year the work begins to touch a little upon technical grammar, bringing out the idea of common and proper names, plurals, possessives, verbs, adverbs, pronouns, keeping up the dictation exercises, compositions, memory gems, and studying a few selections. In the fifth year the sentence is taken up as a whole, divided into its parts and these parts subdivided according to form and uses, still keeping up the dictation exercises, the study of selections, compositions, choice of words and rules. In the sixth and seventh grades we do similar work as in the fourth and fifth, but from another text-book. The extra work in the eighth and ninth grades already referred to consists of the study of American and British authors directly from selections taken from their works. If the selection be a poem, it is first read carefully and thoughtfully, the story of the poem is recited, the text studied to understand the meaning of the piece, the beauty of its thought and language, and the author of the poem. In some pieces a paraphrase of the text is written and the most beautiful parts memorized. A prose selection is studied in a similar way. After a few simple pieces have thus been studied, the pupil is prepared to study a few representative authors, to give some time to collateral authors, to become more or less familiar with English



literature, to take up essay writing and supplementary reading.

## HIGH SCHOOL.

At the beginning of the year there were one hundred and seven pupils belonging to the High School. This number was reduced to one hundred and one at the close of the term in June, and it was with the same number that the school opened in the Fall, and has remained about the same to the present time.

Thirteen graduated in June, all but two of them from the classical course. The following are the names of the graduates :

### Four Years' Classical.

Marion Pease Alden,	Sarah Otis Morse,
Della Louise Barrows,	Lucretia Bartlett Shurtleff,
Lizzie Holmes Drew,	Carrie Lizzie Tobey,
Elizabeth Rimbach Gruber,	William Warren Stetson,
Hannah Jackson Harlow,	Alfred Percival Thompson,
Granville Edson Tillson.	

### Four Years' English.

Mabel Williams Clarke,	Susan Augusta Dorrance.
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Although no general invitation was extended to the public to be present at the closing exercises of the graduating class, many of their friends were present and were entertained by music from the school and the reading of the Class History and Class Prophecy, after which the diplomas were presented. With so simple exercises the burden of long preparation for a public exhibition is removed from the teachers, the scholar's time is free to be employed upon the regular work of the term up to the last day, and the necessary expense of such a graduation is reduced to the minimum.

Twenty-six entered the school at the beginning of the Fall term to form a new class, and a few entered the higher classes

from other schools, so that it will be readily seen that some fell by way besides those who graduated to make the number at the beginning of the Fall term just the same as the number at the close of the Spring term. This seems unavoidable from various causes. Many feel obliged to give up school for work. Some, it is true, lose their interest, but it is a fact worthy of mention that in no school in town does the per cent. of daily attendance average so high as in the High School. There has been a great improvement during the year in the matter of tardiness. During the first month in the year there were thirty-two cases. Never since has there been so many in any one month, and in September only six cases were reported.

Although all but seven of the class entering this Fall passed through the Grammar School at the village, more than half reside outside the village. Of the seven who did not come to the Grammar School, the Rock School furnished two, the Highland two, Wappanucket one, and the Miller District, Lakeville, one, and one came from out of town. We should be glad to fit all for the High School during the last year of the grammar course at the Village, but the present indications are that the children at the Village will fill our rooms to their utmost capacity.

We have been obliged to make one change in our corps of teachers, owing to the resignation of Miss Nichols at the close of the Summer term. From the other two teachers we are reaping the fruit which experience brings, and we feel that good work is being done by the new teacher whom you have selected. We congratulate ourselves on the prosperity of the Fall term's work. More is being done in the matter of English composition; the declamations which for a time were omitted have again been taken up with earnestness on the part of the young men; better work seems to be done in mathematics, and we feel confident of so preparing our students that they will pass a creditable examination for any of

our colleges. Better work will now be done in Physics from having more illustrative apparatus. I recommend the purchase of a few articles each year at a sum which would not be a burden upon our appropriation, and would excite an added interest which cannot come from the mere study of the text.

The question is often asked, What becomes of our graduates? I have taken the pains to look up the last class of graduates, and I find that one has entered college, two have entered Normal School, three are teaching, two have entered business, and five remain at home.

There is evident interest taken in our High School by its patrons. It is not perfect in every respect. We are trying to make it a first class High School so that every parent who wishes his boy or girl fitted for the best college in the country shall not feel obliged to send away from home to do it. We see returning a desire among our young men to fit for college, and we hail it as a good omen; but the High School will ever be a school to fit for the ordinary business of life, and to that its chief strength will be given.

### GENERAL SUGGESTIONS.

There are certain matters of routine business which do not yet seem to be understood by those having dealings with the School Committee, and at the risk of repeating it seems best to call attention to some of these. During the past year there have come repeated calls for Employment Tickets for children under thirteen years of age, which is against the law to grant. Constant requests come to me for tickets when the age and required schooling are all right, but the law requires that a ticket shall be *first* given by the intending employer, and this same ticket shall be brought to the Superintendent by the parent to be filled out. Either from negligence or other reason some employers forget that a child has to have a ticket until he is sixteen years of age, and because of such negligence the truant officers have the cases to look up, which

means expense to the town and an unpleasant duty to perform.

The regular meeting of the School Committee occurs on the first Friday of every month at two o'clock in the afternoon. All bills against the School Department should be sent in to the Secretary before that time in order to receive prompt attention. In some cases bills are sent to the members of the committee who do not find it convenient to be present at the following meeting, and delay is a result. After the bills are approved by the committee they are on the same day or as soon as possible afterward recorded upon the school records, and left with the Town Treasurer for collection. It is desirable that bills should not be of long standing before presentation, as it is very likely that the details may be forgotten and an investigation required which, of course, means further delay.

There seems to have been an unusual amount of destruction to school property, especially outside of the village, by those who are not connected with our schools. In some cases the matter has been investigated by the proper officers and the wrong righted. We hope what has already been done will be sufficient to deter any other evil doers. With a law upon our statutes making the extreme penalty a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisonment in jail not exceeding one year, it would seem that our school buildings, outbuildings, and fences might be left intact.

There is still a disposition on the part of some parents to deprive their children of the little education which the law compels the parent to give to each child from the age of eight to fourteen, twenty weeks each year. How to remedy this evil, when for the smallest grievance or the most pitiful sum of money a parent will defy the law, is a difficult question. No person particularly enjoys finding fault continually and reporting cases of remissness in this matter. Repeatedly have the kindest and mildest measures been resorted to before



using the stern hand of the law, and yet in many cases there has been no response. Happy will that day be when every child within our borders shall be trained to habits of industry, and learning, and sobriety for the love of them without the compulsion of the law!

Our neighbors in Norfolk County have recently established a Truant School. They propose to test the ability of such a school in dealing with cases which will yield to no other discipline. Does not Plymouth County also need such a school? Chapter 155 of the Acts of 1884 provides that "three or more cities or towns in each of two, three, or four contiguous counties may require the county commissioners of such counties to establish union truant schools as provided by section 14 of chapter 48 of the Public Statutes." The Supreme Judicial Court has just rendered a decision in the case of the City of Lynn vs. The County Commissioners of Essex County, that "this statute is mandatory, and county commissioners upon a proper requirement under it, should establish a truant school, without reference to their own views as to the expediency of so doing."

### IN CONCLUSION.

I desire to express my thanks to you for your kind and considerate helpfulness during the whole year, to the teachers for their cooperation and willingness to adopt every measure which has been tried and proved helpful, to the pupils who have evidently appreciated the good things so generously provided by the citizens of Middleborough, with the intent that our schools shall stand among the first in the good old Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD P. FITTS,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

MIDDLEBOROUGH, Dec. 31, 1889.

## APPENDIX.

Number of Schools.	Term.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.
2	1	Carrie E. Alden,.....	22	19	16
	2	“ “.....	30	27	22
	3	{ “ “.....	28	23	20
3	1	Lizzie H. Drew,.....			
	2	Mary E. Deane,.....	20	17	14
	3	“ “.....	30	25	22
4	1	“ “.....	40	33	29
	2	Nellie M. Bennett,.....	37	35	31
	3	“ “.....	30	27	24
6	1	“ “.....	35	33	30
	2	H. Gertrude Holmes,.....	15	14	12
	3	“ “.....	15	14	12
8	1	“ “.....	16	14	11
	2	Florence Deane,.....	23	22	19
	3	“ “.....	24	22	19
10	1	“ “.....	27	19	17
	2	Lurana W. Thomas,.....	16	15	13
	3	Eleanor G. Shaw,.....	16	16	15
12	1	Isa L. Deane,.....	18	17	16
	2	Mary W. Wentworth,.....	21	20	17
	3	“ “.....	22	21	19
13	1	“ “.....	22	18	16
	2	Nannie M. Morse,.....	33	33	28
	3	“ “.....	41	36	31
14	1	“ “.....	42	39	37
	2	Iva S. Price,.....	25	24	22
	3	“ “.....	34	32	27
16	1	Susan M. Pattangall,.....	33	26	22
	2	Abbie S. Beals,.....	16	15	14
	3	“ “.....	16	15	13
19	1	Lida L. Shaw,.....	18	14	13
	2	Lucia A. Drake,.....	28	27	23
	3	“ “.....	32	28	24
20	1	“ “.....	29	26	24
	2	Flora M. Clark,.....	16	15	13
	3	Clara W. Eaton,.....	18	17	15
21	1	“ “.....	18	17	15
	2	Mary A. Livingstone,.....	26	26	23
	3	“ “.....	31	30	26
	3	“ “.....	29	27	24



Number of Schools.	Term.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. Belonging.	Average Membership	Average Attendance.
High School.	In H. S. Building.	1 John P. Arnold,.....	53	53	50
		2 " ".....	50	47	45
		3 " ".....	52	49	47
		1 A. A. Lovell,.....	39	38	35
		2 " ".....	37	35	32
		3 " ".....	51	48	45
		1 Ella F. Kilbreth,.....	47	46	41
		2 " ".....	47	45	41
		3 Eleanor G. Shaw,.....	43	41	39
	School Street.	1 Nellie F. Thomas,.....	47	47	44
		2 " ".....	46	45	43
		3 " ".....	52	47	45
		1 Mary E. Frink,.....	49	48	43
		2 " ".....	46	40	37
		3 " ".....	53	48	45
		1 Helen A. Nevers,.....	44	44	39
		2 " ".....	46	43	39
		3 " ".....	54	48	44
	Union Street.	1 Jennie Bennett,.....	47	43	38
		2 " ".....	48	46	42
		3 " ".....	47	41	37
		1 Lillie H. Thornton,.....	39	36	31
		2 " ".....	50	48	43
		3 " ".....	54	44	41
		1 Grace D. Beattie,.....	50	46	39
		2 " ".....	72	66	60
		3 { Carrie E. Alden,.....	49	39	36
	High School.	1 A. K. Potter,.....	106	105	100
		2 " ".....	101	100	96
		3 " ".....	101	97	95
		1 Zilpha Chace,.....			
		2 " ".....			
		3 " ".....			
		1 A. Frances Nichols,.....			
		2 " ".....			
		3 Sadie M. Lake.....			

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Trustees of the Public Library,  
JANUARY, 1890.

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The work required in the care and delivery of books, which has been performed with fidelity by the Librarian and her assistants, is given in the following

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

*To the Trustees of the Middleborough Public Library:*

GENTLEMEN,—The sixteenth annual report of the Librarian of the Public Library is herewith respectfully submitted, showing the result of the Library work for the year ending Jan. 1, 1890.

Whole number of volumes delivered, 17,971, the Library having been open to the public 304 days; the largest monthly circulation, 1854, occurring in March, and the smallest, 1274, in October. Largest daily circulation, 178. Number of cards issued to date, 4063. Whole number of books belonging to the Library at the present time, 5066. One volume has been lost, but has been made good by the loser; 33 volumes have been discarded and replaced by new ones and 271 rebound; 193 volumes have been added during the year. Covered, numbered and labelled, 1128. Received from fines, \$49.25; for catalogues sold, \$1.20; from sale of cards to non-residents, \$1.50. Paid express, etc., \$4.25.

ADELAIDE K. THATCHER,

Jan. 7, 1890.

Librarian.

Misses Myra K. Leonard and Harriet B. Sylvester have acted as assistants during the year, as wanted. The number of books given as in the Library does not include pamphlets or unbound magazines, or papers, nor all of the public documents belonging to it.

The Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office, The Congressional Record, and many valuable government publications have been furnished us during the year by Hon. Robert T. Davis. State reports and documents have been furnished by the Massachusetts State authorities.

The reading room has been well patronized. The list of periodicals embraces the following :

American Agriculturist,	North American Review,
Art Interchange,	Outing,
Atlantic Monthly,	Overland Monthly,
Century,	Patent Office Official Gazette,
Current Literature,	Popular Science Monthly,
Eclectic Magazine,	Public Opinion,
Forum,	St. Nicholas,
Frank Leslie's Monthly,	Scientific American
Godey's,	and Supplement,
Harper's Magazine,	Scribner,
Magazine of American History,	Wide Awake,
Manifesto,	Woman's Magazine.

The attempt to keep the reading room open more hours than the Library itself is open, without the presence of the Librarian, has been a failure, because of the rudeness of some of the scholars from the public schools, who, finding themselves without restraint, have behaved in such a manner as to oblige the closing of the doors except when the Librarian is in attendance. When our funds will permit, the Library and reading room will be kept open more hours in the day. They are now open daily (except Sundays and holidays) from 4 to 8 P. M.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1889-90.

Wm. R. Peirce, Prest.,	George Brayton,	E. Robinson,
C. D. Kingman,	James M. Coombs,	E. S. Hathaway,
W. H. Southworth,	J. E. Beals, Sec'y,	A. M. Wood.

# TREASURER'S REPORT,

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of cash on hand at last annual report, .....	\$21.61
Received for old library case sold, .....	2.50
“ from Town Treasurer, “dog money,” .....	728.10
“ “ “ “ other licenses, .....	45.00
“ fines during the year, .....	49.25
“ for library cards sold, .....	1.50
“ for catalogues sold, .....	1.20
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	\$849.23

Paid Estes & Lauriat, for books, .....	\$286.98	
Houghton & Mifflin, for books, .....	5.50	
Balch Bros., .....	25.00	
For other books, .....	3.00	
Librarian, .....	200.00	
For assistance to Librarian, .....	51.90	
For rebinding books, .....	64.05	
For magazines, .....	68.60	
T. W. Peirce, wash bowl and fittings, .....	28.21	
W. H. Southworth, carpenter work, .....	5.40	
For printing and stationery, .....	2.00	
For freight, express and postage, .....	5.83	\$746.47
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Balance on hand, .....	\$102.76	

JOSEPH E. BEALS, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

I. F. ATWOOD, Auditor.

Middleborough, January, 1890.

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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## APPROPRIATIONS

For Repairs of Highways, New Roads and Special Repairs.

Clearing Highways and Sidewalks of Snow, .....	\$11,500.00
Expended, .....	9,082.85
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Unexpended, .....	\$2,417.15

LORENZO T. MILLER,	} Road Commissioners.
ISAAC E. MACOMBER,	
JOSIAH B. THOMAS,	

Examined and found correct.

I. F. ATWOOD, Auditor.

# REPORT

## OF THE

# SELECTMEN AND ASSESSORS,

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1st, 1890.

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Voted by the town for the support of

schools,.....	\$11,500.00	
Incidental school expenses,.....	2,000.00	
School books, .....	1,000.00	
Superintendent's salary,.....	1,200.00	
Support of Poor,.....	4,800.00	
Support of Insane,.....	1,000.00	
Repairs of highways, .....	5,500.00	
New roads and special repairs, .....	4,500.00	
Town officers, .....	2,100.00	
Incidental expenses, .....	800.00	
Clearing highways of snow, .....	500.00	
Sprinkling streets,.....	200.00	
Night Watch,.....	1,000.00	
Military aid,.....	650.00	
G. A. R. for Memorial day, .....	150.00	
Town-house committee, .....	600.00	
Water supply to Fire District, .....	1,500.00	
Town debt,.....	10,000.00	
Interest, .....	2,000.00	
Board of Health,.....	200.00	
Sidewalks, .....	1,000.00	
High School-house repairs, .....	500.00	\$52,700.00

To be assessed by town,.....	\$48,200.00	
State tax. assessed by town, .....	3,220.00	
County tax, " " .....	3,597.78	
Overlaying, .....	1,809.12	\$56,826.90



## HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

## NORTH SECTION.

Levi F. Tinkham, .....	\$494.94	
I. E. Macomber, .....	2.40	
I. E. Perkins, .....	7.52	
S. S. Lovell, .....	74.10	
C. E. Pratt, .....	3.50	\$582.46

## EAST SECTION.

Z. Sturtevant, .....	5.54	
L. F. Morse, .....	4.57	\$10.11

## SOUTH SECTION.

L. T. Miller, .....	30.27	
John Witham, .....	8.37	\$38.64

## NEW ROADS AND SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Isaac Soule, repairs on Stone Mill bridge,...	3.75	
L. F. Tinkham, repairs on Wood street,....	4.62	
A. F. Reed, repairs on Bedford and Centre streets, .....	8.30	
Arad Covington, repairs on Covington's bridge, .....	17.15	
L. T. Miller, .....	39.00	
E. Sherman, .....	4.50	
Ira Bryant, .....	19.00	
J. B. Thomas, .....	50.00	
A. J. Wood, .....	1.35	
M. O. Rounseville, .....	113.35	
A. W. Sherman, .....	8.40	
J. K. Bishop, .....	2.50	\$271.92

## SNOW BILLS.

S. S. Lovell, clearing snow and sanding side- walks, .....	\$16.00
L. B. Pratt, clearing snow and sanding side- walks, .....	3.00

L. F. Tinkham, clearing snow and sanding sidewalks,.....	30.35	
Ezra Morse, clearing snow, .....	2.00	\$51.35

## SIDEWALKS.

L. F. Tinkham,.....	\$62.39	
I. E. Perkins, .....	75.82	\$138.21

## FRESHET BILLS.

I. E. Perkins, .....	50.28	
L. F. Tinkham, Stone Mill bridge, .....	14.74	
A. E. Ryder, Plymouth street bridge, .....	30.00	\$95.02

## GRAVEL ACCOUNT.

L. F. Tinkham, .....	\$115.10	
S. L. Pratt, .....	3.50	
Isaac Bryant,.....	4.00	\$122.60

The above bills for Highway repairs, etc., were, some of them, contracted in 1888 and the remainder in 1889, previous to the election of the Road Commissioners; therefore they were paid by orders from the Selectmen.

## SPRINKLING STREETS.

L. E. Thomas,.....	\$200.00
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## DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Geo. G. Richards, .....	
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## SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS AT TOWN HALL.

Thos. W. Peirce, .....	\$849.12
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## SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

C. D. Kingman, .....	\$75.00
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## NIGHT WATCH.

Alex Baker, .....	\$162.00	
John Walley, .....	80.00	
Herbert L. Leonard, .....	400.00	\$642.00

## WATER SUPPLY.

Middleborough Fire District, .....	\$1,500.00
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

Chas. T. Thatcher, services as treasurer and collector, .....	\$550.00
Chas. T. Thatcher, obtaining and recording marriages, births and deaths, .....	80.15
Chas. T. Thatcher, attending town meetings, administering oaths, etc., .....	14.95
Joseph T. Wood, services as selectman and assessor, .....	363.00
Sylvanus Mendall, services as selectman and assessor, .....	287.00
Albert T. Savery, services as selectman and assessor, .....	230.00
A. C. Wood, services as overseer of poor, ..	102.00
S. Mendall, " " " ..	52.50
C. T. Thatcher, " " " ..	19.70
Nathan King, services as moderator, .....	15.00
" " services as registrar, .....	26.25
C. T. Thatcher, " " .....	33.75
T. C. Collins, " " .....	26.25
Chas. H. Carpenter, " " .....	26.25
Warren B. Stetson, services as ballot clerk, .	2.50
Fred. C. Sparrow, services as assistant ballot clerk, .....	2.50
C. H. Carpenter, services as teller, .....	2.50
Jas. H. Weston, " " .....	5.50
" " " " in 1888, .	5.00
Henry S. Drake, " " .....	2.50
Jos. E. Beals, " " .....	5.00
" " " " in 1888, .	5.00

Wm. B. Wood, keeper of lock-up,.....	12.00	
John W. Flansburg, services as truant officer,	3.00	
Jas. A. Burgess,                   "                   "                   "	18.50	
E. T. Lincoln,                   "                   "                   "	14.00	
S. Mendell, services as constable,.....	7.50	
E. T. Lincoln, "                   "                   .....	5.00	
L. M. Alden, "                   "                   .....	20.20	
B. W. Bump, "                   "                   .....	23.00	
Geo. W. Hammond,                   "                   .....	5.00	
Jas. Cole,                   "                   .....	20.20	
J. W. Flansburg,                   "                   .....	3.00	
S. S. Lovell, "                   "                   .....	25.00	
J. A. Burgess, police officer, money paid, etc.,	75.00	
H. R. Caswell, spécial police.....	3.00	
Edw. P. Fitts, taking census of children,...	10.00	
A. H. Eaton, services as auditor,.....	17.50	
J. K. Bishop, services as fire warden, .....	15.00	\$2,134.20

#### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

F. M. Vaughan, legal services,.....	\$25.00
Nathan Washburn, "                   "                   .....	15.00
J. C. Sullivan,                   "                   "                   .....	10.00
George Soule, death returns,.....	21.75
H. L. Leonard, handcuffs and badge, .....	5.00
J. M. Coombs, printing town reports, .....	125.00
"                   "                   printing town warrants, etc.,	136.20
M. M. Copeland, printing,.....	140.24
W. W. Wood,                   "                   .....	15.13
John Shaw, stationery.....	5.46
Hathaway & Emery, book binding, .....	21.75
Otis Briggs, horse hire for selectmen, .....	10.50
I. F. Atwood, com. to settle road damages,.	21.75
Chas. E. Mellen, damage to team on highway,	2.25
A. Lovell, selling herrings, .....	2.00
Domestic Plumbing Company, work on water cranes, etc., .....	6.41

Luther Dean, levelling streets, .....	6.75	
M. O. Rounseville, repairs on sewers, .....	14.25	
Wm. F. Dean, voting shelves, .....	32.75	\$617.19

### BOARD OF HEALTH.

Jas. A. Burgess, services and cash paid on account of Board of Health,.....	\$89.15	
S. S. Lovell, cleaning out sewers, .....	45.79	\$134.94

The Board of Health has received eighty-nine complaints the last year, and found just cause for the same, and has looked after the sanitary condition of the village. The year has been one of much improvement in many of our worst locations. The tenements on Factory Hill have been placed in perfect order, which will last for years to come. To-day the main trouble comes largely from new buildings put up to let, with no regard to their sanitary welfare. There has been one death the last year from scarlitina, but no contagious disease has been in our midst; in several instances some signs of malaria have appeared, but in every case it came from locations where the well water is used for drinking purposes. The Board has in mind one case where, on a small piece of land, four tenements and a hotel are located, and the owner irrigates the cess-pool and privy on the same small piece of land, making the well water a dangerous thing to use.

If the owners and tenants alike would take a little pains to keep clean, much of our work would not have to be done; but many a tenant thinks, because he hires his house, he has no duty to do but to make as much of a nuisance as possible,—instead of throwing a handful of lime to cover up a plague, he would make a still worse one.

The matter of dead animals being left exposed, to the nuisance of the community, lying in the outskirts of the village, should be stopped. The Board has had five cases the last year it has been called to bury.

Until our village can have a more complete system of sewerage, it behooves the entire community to do all in its power to keep our village in the future, as it has been in the past, a clean and healthy one.

By the report of the State Board of Health, we find that the milk that is brought into our village has been analyzed and, in nine samples, eight have been found to be above the standard.

### TOWN HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Middleborough Gas & Electric Co., .....	\$262.90	
S. S. Lovell, labor, .....	18.16	
W. H. Southworth, labor and stock, .....	56.12	
Ingalls & Hendricken, fittings and labor, ...	24.20	
Washburn & Parker, coal, .....	243.23	
Jon. T. Washburn, repairs, .....	3.12	
C. W. Maxim, repairs, .....	17.85	
H. A. Sparrow, painting, .....	256.73	
M. O. Rounseville, curbing and labor, .....	46.45	
L. F. Tinkham, removing fence, .....	3.25	
J. K. & B. Sears & Co., lumber, .....	2.87	
L. M. Alden, police service, .....	12.50	
W. B. Wood, janitor's services, .....	468.00	
“ “ sundry bills, .....	53.85	\$1,469.23
Received for rents, .....	\$834.50	
Appropriated by town, .....	600.00	\$1,434.50

### FISH ACCOUNT.

Received from towns on Taunton river for inspection at East Taunton, .....	\$130.00	
Received from sale of fish, .....	345.00	\$475.00
E. T. Lincoln, fish warden, .....	\$12.00	
Jos. T. Wood, fish warden, .....	9.00	
L. M. Alden, fish warden, .....	18.00	
Randall Hathaway, .....	4.50	
Jas. A. Burgess, inspector at East Taunton, .	130.00	
H. H. Sproat, rent of land for fish-house, two years, .....	6.00	\$179.50
Balance to divide with Lakeville, .....		<u>\$295.50</u>



Middleborough's proportion. ....	\$255.56	
Lakeville's proportion, .....	39.94	\$295.50

Examined and found correct.

I. T. Atwood, Auditor.

### ESTIMATES FOR A TAX.

For Support of Schools, .....	\$11,500.00	
School Books, .....	1,000.00	
Superintendent's Salary, .....	1,200.00	
Incidental School Expenses, .....	2,000.00	
Support of Poor, .....	5,000.00	
Support of Insane, .....	800.00	
Town Officers, .....	2,500.00	
Incidental Expenses, .....	800.00	
Sprinkling Streets, .....	200.00	
Night Watch, .....	1,000.00	
Lighting Streets, .....	2,000.00	
Military Aid, .....	700.00	
G. A. R. for Memorial Day, .....	150.00	
Town House Committee, .....	600.00	
Water Supply to Fire District, .....	1,500.00	
Town Debt, .....	5,000.00	
Interest, .....	2,250.00	
Board of Health, .....	200.00	
Road Commissioners, .....	11,500.00	\$49,900.00
Less Corporation Taxes estimated, .....		\$6,000.00
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		\$43,900.00

### ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT.

No. of Polls, .....	1,658
Valuation of Buildings, exclusive of land, ...	\$1,388,695.00
"    Land, exclusive of buildings, ...	1,140,285.00
Real Estate Valuation, .....	2,528,980.00
Personal Valuation, .....	517,386.00
Rate of Taxation, per thousand .....	17.50

No. of Horses taxed, .....	803
Cows taxed, .....	808
Sheep taxed, .....	10
Swine taxed, .....	181
Neat Cattle other than Cows, .....	343
Houses taxed, .....	1,206
Acres taxed, .....	38,336
Tax payers, .....	2,099
Persons paying Tax on Property, ....	1,352
Persons paying Poll Tax only, .....	747

### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

#### LIABILITIES.

The following notes to Middleborough Savings Bank :

July 5, 1889, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., .....	\$5,000.00	
Dec. 19, 1887, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., .....	4,675.00	
Feb. 3, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 4 years, .....	5,000.00	
March 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 5 years, .....	5,000.00	
April 16, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 6 years, .....	5,000.00	
June 1, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 7 years, .....	5,000.00	
July 2, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 8 years, .....	5,000.00	
Dec. 1, 1887, at $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., payable in 9 years, .....	5,000.00	
June 16, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., payable in 10 years, .....	5,200.00	
July 25, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., payable in 11 years, .....	5,200.00	
Dec. 18, 1888, at $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., payable in 12 years, .....	5,055.00	\$55,130.00
Due Town Officers and other demands, (esti- mated,) .....		1,000.00
Due for interest, .....		225.00
Probable Loss on Taxes, .....		800.00
Total Liabilities, .....		\$57,155.00

## ASSETS.

Cash on hand, .....	\$19,150.74
Due on Taxes, .....	11,498.44
From State for Military Aid, .....	721.39
"      "      State Aid, .....	2,285.00
Total Assets. ....	\$33,655.57
Balance of Liabilities, .....	23,499.43

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. WOOD,	}	Selectmen and Assessors of Middleborough.
ALBERT. T SAVERY,		
SYLVANUS MENDALL,		

Middleborough, Feb. 1, 1890.

## LIST OF JURORS.

The Selectmen propose the following persons to serve as Jurors the ensuing year, viz. :

William F. Atwood,  
Harrison W. Atwood,  
Harvey N. Atwood,  
Emery F. Atwood,  
Jared F. Alden,  
Andrew Alden,  
John S. Benson,  
Howard M. Bishop,  
Joshua K. Bishop,  
Joseph E. Beals,  
Samuel S. Bourne,  
Geo. F. Bryant,  
Grover Bennett,  
Charles E. Bump,  
Marshall P. Burgess,  
Nathaniel S. Cushing,  
Abisha T. Clark, Jr.,  
Amos D. Clark,  
George S. Clark,  
Charles F. Cornish,  
Frederick P. Chase,  
George A. Cox,  
Orrin E. Dean,  
George A. Earle,  
Lucius M. Fuller,  
Isaac M. Foye,  
George T. M. Gammons,  
Francis B. Gibbs,  
Foster A. Harlow,  
Clarence L. Hathaway,  
Israel T. Hathaway,  
William M. Haskins,  
Benjamin E. Holmes,  
James L. Jenney,  
B. Frank Jones,  
Nahum W. Keith,  
Thomas J. Le Baron,  
Eugene P. Le Baron,  
Ezra S. Leonard,

Cornelius H. Leonard,  
Nathan B. Maxim,  
Isaac E. Macomber,  
Andrew W. Miller,  
Luther B. Murdock,  
Ebenezer Pickens,  
Herbert A. Pratt,  
Luther B. Pratt,  
Isaac E. Perkins,  
Edmund S. Russell,  
John H. Ryder,  
Albert T. Savery,  
Warren H. Southworth,  
George L. Soule,  
Augustus H. Soule,  
Josiah C. Shaw,  
Walter A. Shaw,  
Benjamin C. Shaw,  
Albert W. Smith,  
John E. Smith,  
Henry W. Sears,  
David S. Surrey,  
Dennis D. Sullivan,  
James M. Sampson,  
Josiah H. Thomas,  
John B. Thomas,  
Lazelle E. Thomas,  
Ichabod B. Thomas,  
George F. Tinkham,  
Philander W. Thompson,  
Henry A. Thompson,  
Alvin P. Vaughan,  
Edward F. Wood,  
William B. Wood,  
Warren Wood,  
Albert J. Wood,  
William L. White,  
Kenelm Winslow,  
Edward F. Witham.

JOS. T. WOOD,	} Selectmen and Assessors of Middleborough.
ALBERT T. SAVERY,	
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	

Middleborough, Feb. 1, 1890.

# REPORT

## OF THE

# OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

## FOR THE YEAR 1889.

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Net amount drawn from the treasury..... \$5,207.06

Received as follows, viz., from

City of Lynn, .....	\$98.15	
Town of Cohasset, .....	56.58	
“ Wareham.....	39.90	
“ Plymouth,.....	168.99	
“ Easton, .....	69.37	
State Treasurer for State paupers, .....	97.05	
On account of State aid, .....	72.00	\$602.04
Produce from the farm sold.....		155.27
		\$5,964.37

Paid out as follows, viz. :

For support of paupers in the Alms-house, ..... \$2,140.76

Out of the Alms-house :

Mrs. Allen Pratt, .....	\$48.00
“ Caroline M. Packard, .....	87.00
“ James E. Richmond.....	75.50
“ Stillman B. Morse, .....	27.60
“ Charles Murray.....	78.00
“ Catherine A. Hollis, .....	19.50
“ Samuel B. Maxim, .....	93.00
“ Samuel Wood,.....	10.00
“ E. Bell, .....	5.50
“ Robert R. Clark,.....	11.25

Mrs. W. I. Trafford,.....	3.00	
“ Azel T. Eaton,.....	100.50	
“ Mary L. Beisecker,.....	108.00	
“ Harriet McLaughlin,.....	52.00	
“ Charles Mitchell,.....	30.00	
“ Albert Elliot,.....	159.00	
Sally C. Benson,.....	52.00	
Patience C. Benson,.....	84.00	
Nancy, Sarah and Olive Leonard,.....	168.00	
Sarah Vaughan,.....	52.00	
Betsey C. Cobb,.....	51.00	
Rachel W. Thomas,.....	58.00	
Emerson P. Morse,.....	24.00	
Simeon Standish,.....	15.00	
Milton Reed,.....	13.00	
Clark Shurtleff,.....	21.00	
Andrew Leonard,.....	2.00	
Fred Wilmot,.....	13.08	
Standish Ryder,.....	45.00	1,505.93
City of New Bedford, aid furnished Mrs. Mary Lawrence,.....	\$70.75	
City of Lawrence, aid furnished Lydia Jones,	64.00	
City of Brockton, aid furnished Mary Lyon,.	8.75	
“ “ “ “ Gilbert Lyon,	6.30	
City of Taunton, aid furnished Henry Hall,.	97.21	
“ “ “ “ Milton Reed,	32.00	
Town of Wareham, aid furnished Phineas Harkins,.....	24.00	
Town of Wareham, aid furnished Samuel F. Harkins,.....	4.00	
Town of Falmouth, aid furnished Clara S. Carr,.....	96.00	
Town of Sandwich, aid furnished H. H. P. Lovell,.....	65.70	
Town of Westport, aid furnished Rosalie A. Thyng,.....	52.00	
Town of Plymouth, aid furnished David Shurtleff,.....	8.75	529.46



In Taunton Lunatic Hospital :		
Paid for Charles Mitchell, .....	\$47.82	
In Bridgewater Asylum :		
Paid for George Wallen, .....	146.00	
In Northampton and Marlborough :		
Paid for Joanna O'Keefe, .....	165.20	359.02
Paid aid furnished those having settlements in other places :		
George W. Brackett, Lynn, .....	\$94.15	
Matthias H. Long, Wareham, .....	19.65	
Charles P. Pittsley, Wareham, .....	64.70	
Barnard McCourt, Easton, .....	20.00	
George Powers, Cohasset, .....	3.75	
Mrs. Hiram Bryant, Plymouth, .....	33.50	
Mrs. George B. Wentworth, Plymouth, .....	143.50	
Mrs. Abbie Robinson, Harwich, .....	15.00	
Michael Monehan, State, .....	113.01	507.26
Paid Shiverick & Thomas, for concreting, ..		
H. A. Sparrow, for painting, .....	11.35	
Warren Wood, for painting, .....	63.22	
James L. Jenney, for coal, .....	57.44	
Winslow Pratt, for pair of steers and calf, ..	79.88	
George Soule, for undertaking, .....	35.00	
Washburn & Parker, for coal, .....	54.85	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson, for professional ser- vices one year, .....	50.00	
E. S. Lovell and wife, for services for seven months, .....	291.67	
G. W. Sherman and wife, for services for five months, .....	208.33	921.94
		<hr/> \$5,964.37

Examined and found correct.

I. F. Atwood.

Whole number in the Alms-house during the year,	303	
Whole number Tramps during the year, ....	280	
Remaining the whole time,.....	20	
Present number,.....	20	
Number of weeks for one person,.....	1090	
Transient,.....	40	
Average expense per week, not including Superintendent's salary,.....	\$1.98	
Amount of real estate January 1, 1890, ....	\$9,865.00	
Amount of personal estate January 1, 1890, ..	2,145.35	\$12,010.35
Amount of real estate January 1, 1889, ....	9,965.00	
Amount of personal estate January 1, 1889, ..	1,963.88	11,928.88
Increase over last year, .....		\$81.47

#### AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED ON THE FARM.

Hay,.....	18 tons.
Corn fodder, .....	2 "
Rye straw,.....	1 "
Pumpkins, .....	4 "
Corn, .....	75 bushels.
Rye, .....	12½ "
Potatoes, .....	60 "
Turnips,.....	35 "
Beans, .....	6 "
Peas, .....	6 "
Beets,.....	10 "
Onions, .....	2 "
Cabbage, .....	100 heads.
Squashes, .....	200 pounds.
Pork, .....	1900 "
Veal, .....	280 "
Butter,.....	215 "
Pigs,.....	13
Chickens,.....	30
Ducks,.....	14
Milk, .....	2200 gallons.
Eggs, .....	150 dozen.
Apples, .....	12 barrels.
Tomatoes, Cucumbers, &c.	

There have been two deaths in the Alms-house during the year, the first one that was called to obey the summons of the Master was the superintendent Mr. Edward S. Lovell, who died July 13, 1889, aged 58 years; Winfield S. Wright, who died Oct. 20, 1889, aged 48 years.

We again extend the invitation to everyone that would like, and have an interest in the poor, to visit the Alms-house whenever they can make it convenient, and we take pleasure in introducing to you our new superintendents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sherman, who will take pleasure in giving you what information they can.

ANDREW C. WOOD,	} Overseers of the Poor.
SYLVANUS MENDALL,	
CHARLES T. THATCHER,	

## STATE AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889:

Atwood, Mrs. Eliza A.,	\$ 4.00	Morse, Ezra,	18.00
Atwood, Stephen F.,	45.00	Norveill, Mrs. Susan,	48.00
Bumpus, Marcus,	36.00	Perkins, Mrs. Calista,	48.00
Bump, Benjamin W.,	36.00	Pittsley, Charles P.,	68.00
Bliss, Alphonso,	54.00	Powers, George,	18.00
Benson, Mrs. Paulina R.,	48.00	Ryder, Stephen C.,	48.00
Butler, Mrs. Susan K.,	24.00	Raymond, Marcus M.,	21.00
Crosby, Asa F.,	96.00	Rogers, Mrs. Mary N.,	16.00
Cobb, Ansel A.,	36.00	Soule, Mrs. Abbie J.,	4.00
Dorr, Amos L.,	72.00	Sherman, Mrs. Eliza B.,	48.00
Fagan, Peter,	120.00	Shaw, William B.,	72.00
Gammons, Thomas G.,	36.00	Shaw, William N.,	72.00
Gibbs, Stephen S.,	18.00	Shaw, George H., 2d,	12.00
Goldsboro, John F.,	48.00	Scanlin, John,	72.00
Glancy, Bernard,	72.00	Smith, Christopher C.,	15.00
Harkins, Harrison,	54.00	Shaw, Isaac,	2.00
Hunt, Mrs. Vesta,	48.00	Tillson, Benjamin O.,	36.00
Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth,	48.00	Tinkham, Mrs. Sarah A.,	48.00
Haines, Mrs. Maria S.,	48.00	Wood, Mrs. Eliza T.,	48.00
Haynes, Mrs. Anna,	20.00	Weatherby, Mrs. Betsey D.,	48.00
Jennings, Mrs. Harriet E.,	48.00	Whitcomb, Mrs. Martha W.,	48.00
Jefferson, Mrs. Sarah C.,	24.00	Ware, Mrs. Harriet A.,	4.00
Knowland, John B.,	48.00	Westgate, Edward S.,	48.00
Lane, Benjamin F.,	120.00	Weston, Sanford,	36.00
Lucas, Abner,	48.00	Wood, Jacob,	4.00
Littlejohn, Ira O.,	48.00		
Mellen, Charles C.,	72.00		
McMann, James E.,	12.00		
			<hr/> \$2,285.00

## MILITARY AID

Furnished the following persons for the year ending Dec. 31, 1889:

Bisbee, Sylvanus,	\$60.00	Mitchell, Chas., Hos. Exp.,	47.82
Chace, Ezra S.,	16.00	Nichols, James G.,	72.00
Deane, George R.,	96.00	Nye, William C.,	21.00
Fessenden, James C.,	72.00	Perkins, Nathan A.,	120.00
Gibbs, Abiel,	12.00	Raymond, Fred. R.,	72.00
Glidden, Benjamin R.,	120.00	Raymond, Marcus M.,	40.00
Gay, Erastus E.,	32.00	Thompson, George H.,	72.00
Howes, Charles A.,	76.00	Wilmot, Thomas E.,	60.00
Lovell, Henry H. P.,	72.00	Whitcomb, William R.,	24.00
Morse, Emerson P.,	120.00	Williams, Samuel,	48.00
Morse, Artemas,	72.00	Wright, Winfield S.,	76.00
Mann, John E.,	24.00		
Mitchell, Charles,	18.00		
			<hr/> \$1,442.82

# REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR.

Taxes unpaid for 1882, as per last report, ...	\$9.33
“ “ 1883, “ “ ...	48.63
“ “ 1884, “ “ ...	147.52
“ “ 1885, “ “ ...	516.68
“ “ 1886, “ “ ...	904.90
“ “ 1887, “ “ ...	2,086.08
“ “ 1888, “ “ ...	5,578.30
Taxes committed for 1889, .....	56,946.50
Interest and summonses received, .....	400.69 \$66,638.63,

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Taxes remaining unpaid for 1882, .....	\$3.46
“ “ “ 1883, .....	38.38
“ “ “ 1884, .....	87.88
“ “ “ 1885, .....	206.91
“ “ “ 1886, .....	532.28
“ “ “ 1887, .....	1,156.36
“ “ “ 1888, .....	2,415.87
“ “ “ 1889, .....	7,057.30
Assessors' orders, .....	864.41
Cash paid Town Treasurer, .....	54,275.78 \$66,638.63

C. T. THATCHER, Collector.

Examined and found correct,

I. F. ATWOOD, Auditor.

# REPORT

## OF THE

# TOWN TREASURER,

## For the Year 1889.

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Cash received as follows :

On hand as per last year's report,.....	\$12,920.05
From State Treasurer, for corporation tax.....	4,448.69
"        "        for bank tax, .....	1,926.79
"        "        for State and military aid, .....	2,679.43
"        "        for income of school fund, .....	175.30
"        "        for revenue of school fund,.....	422.40
County        "        for dog licenses for 1888,.....	728.17
Col. B. P. Wood estate, for benefit cemetery lot,..	100.00
Middleborough Savings Bank,.....	10,000.00
New England Trust Co., for interest allowed on deposits, .....	222.69
Overseers of the Poor,.....	602.04
Town House committee, .....	340.40
Randall Hathaway, for herrings,.....	345.00
Middleborough National Bank, for one half expense fitting up room,.....	37.25
C. D. Kingman, for use of sewer,.....	15.00
E. T. Jenks, for use of sewer,.....	15.00
P. H. Peirce heirs, for use of sewer, .....	15.00
Mrs. Elijah Briggs, for use of sewer, .....	15.00
Josiah B. Thomas, for use of sewer,.....	15.00
Thomas McBaron, for use of sewer,.....	15.00
Central Baptist Society, for use of sewer, .....	15.00
Austin Lovell, for auctioneer's license,.....	2.00



James Cole, for auctioneer's license, .....	2.00
I. F. Atwood, for auctioneer's license, 6 mos., ....	1.00
Wm. J. Mills, for peddler's license, .....	11.00
Patrick J. Clark, for peddler's license, .....	11.00
Fred E. Moore, for peddler's license, .....	11.00
Albert Goodwin, for license, .....	.50
Charles Y. Wilcox, for license, .....	.50
Wm. J. Mills, for license, .....	.50
C. Winsor, for license, .....	.50
Board of Health, .....	29.50
Old taxes collected, .....	3.00
Geo. W. Copeland, for concreting, .....	33.87
Methodist Society, for concreting, .....	11.25
E. P. LeBaron, for concreting, .....	12.08
Irwin Bros.' Circus, for license, .....	20.00
Map sold, .....	.10
From the following cities and towns on account of fish:	
Taunton, \$30 ; Fall River, \$10 ; Dighton, \$20 ;	
Freetown, \$10 ; Raynham, \$20 ; Somerset, \$20 ;	
Berkley, \$20, .....	130.00
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	\$35,333.01
Collector of taxes, .....	54,275.78
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	\$89,608.79

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Paid Selectmen's orders, .....	\$6,784.79
Town House Committee orders, .....	1,780.75
Building Committee, new school-house orders, ....	40.80
Overseers of the Poor orders, .....	5,809.09
School Committee orders, .....	15,139.79
Board of Health orders, .....	129.94
Assessors' orders, .....	68.33
Notes and Interest, .....	16,153.72
State Aid, .....	2,285.00
Military Aid, .....	1,442.77
County Treasurer, for County tax, .....	3,597.78

County Treasurer, for land damages for widening and locating anew part of South Main street, ..	1,333.34
State Treasurer, for State tax, .....	3,220.00
State Treasurer, for National Bank tax, .....	197.50
Deposited in Middleborough Savings Bank for Col. B. P. Wood's estate to keep cemetery lot in order,	100.00
Deposited in Middleborough Savings Bank for Thomas Wood's estate to keep cemetery lot in order,....	100.00
Globe Gas Light Co., .....	666.70
Middleborough Gas and Electric Light Co., .....	999.99
Road Commissioners, .....	9,082.85
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, dog licenses for 1888, .....	728.17
Joseph E. Beals, for Public Library, for other li- censes, .....	45.00
L. M. Alden, for G. A. R., .....	150.00
N. Y. & B. D. Express Co's bill, .....	8.10
Rebinding books, .....	6.55
Town Treasurer's salary, .....	550.00
Stamps, postal cards, box rent, blanks, &c., .....	37.09
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	\$70,458.05
Cash on hand, .....	19,150.74
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	\$89,608.79

C. T. THATCHER, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

I. F. ATWOOD, Auditor.

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

## Marriages Registered in Middleborough in 1889.

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.
Jan. 3	Thomas G. Ford,	Middleboro'.	Belle C. Weeks,	Harwich.
3	William H. Boucher,	"	Anna M. Higgins,	Middleboro'.
5	Alton R. Rogers,	"	Nellie C. Bisbee,	"
6	Thomas F. Fagan,	"	Cassie Bowie,	"
9	Walter W. Richards,	Carver.	Sarah J. Hollis,	Halifax.
19	Arthur F. Lougee,	Middleboro'.	Hattie F. Thompson,	Middleboro'.
31	William L. White, Jr	"	Ada M. Trafford,	"
Feb 13	Luther M. White,	"	Minnie W. Burrell,	N. Easton.
16	Lester G. Whitcomb,	"	Susie M. Coombs,	Middleboro'.
Mar. 9	Fred P. Hall,	"	Emily A. Hunt,	"
13	Alfred O. Standish,	"	Lucy R. Cobb,	"
23	Wm. H. Downing,	"	Ida M. Densmore,	Nobleboro', Me.
23	John M. Conant,	"	Delia Keyes,	Middleboro'.
Ap. 10	Foster E. Hatch,	"	Mable F. Frost,	"
11	Morrill L. Perkins,	Boston.	Josephine F. Shaw,	"
12	George H. Morse,	Middleboro'.	Lizzie M. Moulton,	"
30	John S. Reed,	"	Ada F. Pratt,	"
May 7	Eugene F. Gardner,	Plympton.	Jane M. Wright,	Plympton.
23	Benjamin F. Ryder,	Middleboro'.	Nellie F. Atwood,	Middleboro'.
25	Henry D. Brown,	"	Sadie L. Bonney,	"
26	William S. Johnson,	Carver.	Grace I. Robbins,	Carver.
29	Henry D. Smith,	Middleboro'.	Eliza Francis,	Middleboro'.
30	Elijah S. Ober,	"	Helena C. Richter,	"
31	Herbert L. Cushman,	Carver.	Drusilla B. Griffeth,	Carver.
June 4	Elmer E. Sawyer,	Lakeville.	Nellie C. Tripp,	Middleboro'.
6	Nathan F. Washburn	Carver.	Alberta F. Vail,	Lakeville.
8	Ch's G Wrightington	Middleboro'.	Roxanna C. Keyes,	Middleboro'.
11	Bernard McCourt,	"	Margaret McDonald,	"
15	William W. Pope,	Plymouth.	Minerva Smith,	"
17	Clar'e A. Farrington	Middleboro'.	Annie H. Vaughan,	"
26	Charles B. Fisher,	Waquoit.	Olive M. Weston,	"
27	John H. Hanson,	Middleboro'.	Gerda A. Forsberg,	"
30	Chas. A. J. Churchill	"	Annie G. Morse,	Rochester.
July 4	Atwood C. Thomas,	Brockton.	Anna W. Howes,	Brockton.
10	Geo. F. Pinkham,	Middleboro'.	Lurana W. Thomas,	Middleboro'.
19	Alfred F. Leonard,	Wareham.	Susan E. Gammons,	"
Aug 3	Granville O. Fuller,	Middleboro'.	Lottie M. Wentworth	"
17	Winslow H. Sears,	"	Mary E. Lucas,	"
21	Arthur B. Griffeth,	"	Lillian B. Coombs,	"
22	John H. Eggar,	Campello,	Hattie E. Keith,	"
25	Michael Sullivan,	Middleboro'.	Ellen Higgins,	"

Marriages — *Continued.*

Date.	Name.	Residence.	Name.	Residence.
Aug 28	Reinhard Jedermann	St. Paul, Minn.	Florence Eddy,	Middleboro'.
Sept 5	Frederick E. Chase,	Acushnet.	Emma Sturtevant,	"
7	James O. Fall,	Middleboro'.	Maria A. Hines,	"
11	Charles E. Lovell,	Whitman.	Eugenia F. Bartlett,	"
12	Walter A. Coombs,	Middleboro'.	Dora A. Keith,	"
25	William C. Lewis,	Boston.	L Mildred Hutchinson	Boston.
27	Osgood H. Killam,	Deerfield, N. H.	Carrie H. Brown,	Deerfield, N. H.
23	Herbert W. Cornish,	Middleboro'.	Maybel L. Alden,	Middleboro'.
Oct 2	George W. Ryder,	Brockton.	Lizzie C. Fisher,	Brockton.
3	Charles E. Endres,	Middleboro'.	Susie P. Burgess,	Middleboro.
6	Earnest L. Sampson,	Plymouth.	Hattie E. Crapo,	"
16	Isaac W. Giles,	Whitman.	Susie M. Gibbs,	Brockton.
23	George Card,	Middleboro'.	Minnie Mosher,	Middleboro'.
26	Arthur H. Alden,	"	Annie D. Shuman,	Waldoboro' Me.
31	Joshua D. Benson,	"	Roxie A. Eagles,	Boston.
Nov 7	George W. Perkins,	"	Lizzie A. Morse,	Middleboro'.
10	James H. Howe,	"	Mary A. Sweeny,	"
23	George E. Wilbur,	"	Alice C. Ryder,	"
24	Frederick L. Watts,	Malden.	Mary A. Barney,	Lakeville.
26	Horace L. Coombs,	Middleboro'.	Cora S. Shaw,	"
26	George H. Mosher,	Warren, R. I.	Susan E. Borden,	Westport.
27	Marshall P. Burgess,	Middleboro'.	Ella F. Swett,	Middleboro'.
Dec 5	Joseph E. Cross,	"	Martha J. Mann,	Taunton.
9	William H. Ramsay,	"	Katharine Peirson,	Salem.
9	Abram L. Bowman,	"	Anna A. Wood,	Middleboro'.
22	Benj. P. W. Lovell, Jr.	"	Nellie F. Williams,	"

# Births Registered in Middleboro' in 1889.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.	Maiden Name.
Jan.	4 Edgar E. J. Cushman.	Don A. and Anna W.	Eaton.
	5 Edna C. Vickery.	Seth L. and Amy C.	Clarke.
	16 Joseph T. Eaton.	Alexander and Lizzie.	Alden.
Feb.	1 Ruth F. Gibbs.	Reuben A. and Fannie.	Nelson.
	4 Rose H. Durr.	John and Eliza.	Sanson.
	5 Florence McKeown.	William and Mary.	Wright.
	9 Stephen G. Thomas.	Gardner B. and Emeline B.	Haven.
	10 Paul C. Rudolph.	Louis and Mary.	Morris.
	20 Theresa V. Sheenan.	John and Mary.	Mellens.
	20 Annie E. Warren.	Francis and Mary A.	McGrady.
	22 Josephine G. Bennett.	Alton C. and H. Maria.	Shaw.
	25 Lilley E. Krous.	Bernard and Mary H.	Rudolph.
	26 John Perkins.	Ernest and Addie.	Tyler.
Mar.	2 Inez F. Hill.	Fred C. and Marietta.	Sherman.
	2 Charlotte Vaughan.	Albert H. and Laura G.	Stickney.
	3 Nellie G. Haskell.	Edward and Evelyn A.	Lovell.
	7 Jennie May.	George H. and Kate L.	Gray.
	10 Lottie M. Blakeslee.	Theodore M. and Susan A.	Drake.
	10 ——— Weston.	Will H. and Catherine.	Fuller.
	14 Ida F. Johnson.	John F. and Tekla B.	Svanson.
	15 Ellen G. Thompson.	George H. and Ellen.	Farrell.
	20 Lena Morrison.	Agnus and Anna.	McDermid.
	26 Kenneth L. Childs.	Abbott L. and Eva M.	Shaw.
	29 Susie R. Thomas.	Clinton and Mary E.	Butler.
	30 Stephen F. O'Hara.	James J. and Nellie.	Cronin.
Apr.	13 Dora L. Carter.	John M. and Nellie B.	Taber.
	14 Irene L. Sullivan.	Dennis D. and Lucy H.	Harrington.
	15 Sarah P. Weekes.	Alvin B. and Mary M.	Glidden.
	17 Ernest C. Bearse.	Will W. and Emily D.	Le Baron.
	17 Laura E. Woodward.	Franklin N. and Abbie E.	Lovell.
	22 William J. Houlihan.	James and Alice.	Flynn.
	22 Flora F. Howe.	John E. and Alice C.	Finney.
	22 Mary Gleason.	William H. and Catherine.	Gormans.
	26 Alfred T. Glaize.	Humphrey and Eluina.	Hodgts.
	27 ——— Ellis.	Thomas L. and Hattie C.	Wilber.
May	27 Elmer A. Sisson.	Edward E. and Annie L.	Tilton.
	1 Helen A. McDonald.	Robert and Amy.	Wilcox.
	3 Matilda J. Snell.	James and Matilda.	McCue.
	9 Josephine Lamb.	James B. and Hattie A.	Vaughan.
	9 Harrison C. Shaw.	Erastus B. and Emma A.	Reagon.
	10 Ernest A. Lougee.	Arthur F. and Hattie F.	Thompson.
	21 Ralph B. Gay.	Chas. F., Jr., and Olive H.	Benner.
	24 Arthur L. Churchill.	Nathan D. and Helen A.	Tower.
	27 ——— Whitcomb.	Lester G. and Susan M.	Coombs.
	30 Carrie Vaughan.	D. Irving and Mary E.	Shaw.
June	5 Leroy C. R. Tinkham.	S. Foster and Lilly C.	Ryder.
	7 Ruby M. Keedwell.	George H. and Annie.	Banwell.
	7 Edward F. Boucher.	Thomas and Anna A.	Devine.
	9 Bartlett E. Cushing.	Matthew and Edith I.	Bartlett.
	11 Ruth A. Briggs.	Everett W. and Lucy A.	Weston.



Births — *Continued.*

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.	Maiden Name.
June 12	Harrold P. Champion.	Lester F. and Lizzie H.	Penniman.
15	Esther M. White.	William L. Jr. and Ada M.	Trafford.
28	Sarah Gibbs.	Joseph F. and Catherine.	Wheeler.
29	Anna E. McQuade.	James and Kate.	Higgins.
29	Lillie R. Rogers.	Alton and Nellie C.	Bisbee.
July 1	Edith A. Fagerberg.	John A. and Olivia.	Erickson.
9	— Howes.	Charles A. and Elonice J.	Barrows.
24	Sarah Surrey.	David S. and Susan L.	Sparrow.
29	Herbert A. Russell.	Louis H. and Fannie E.	Walley.
29	Fred E. Vinning.	Fred E. and Mary A.	Williams.
30	Minnie F. Russell.	Francis J. and Minnie M.	Frost.
Aug. 1	Florence L. White.	Benj. F. and Harriet E.	Hilbreth.
8	— Bassett.	Clarence W. and Abbie.	Berry.
8	Albert N. Washburn.	Charles E. and Cyrisia M.	Dickey.
11	— Sawyer.	Elmer E. and Nellie.	Tripp.
13	Harrold S. Wood.	George E. and Anna M.	Sparrow.
13	Theodore A. Braley.	Edwin R. and Hattie E.	Downing.
14	Ethel A. Farrington.	Clarence A. and Annie H.	Vaughan.
15	Blanche L. Penniman.	William O. and Ellen F.	Tribou.
16	Phillip B. Deane.	Leonidas and Annie D.	Pratt.
18	Eva B. Tucker.	Henry and Ellen M.	Morgan.
21	Mildred C. Martin.	Fred'k D. and Florence V.	Coleman.
25	Frank W. Durant.	B. Frank and Joanna.	Barry.
29	Frances N. Purden.	Edward G. and Deborah.	Flynn.
29	Margory A. Copeland.	Marcus M. and Urna C.	Alden.
29	— Creeden.	Timothy D. and Mary E.	Sullivan.
Sept. 2	Florence M. Burt.	William F. and Emily C.	Westgate.
2	Charlotte E. Perkins.	Lloyd 2d and Elizabeth T.	Turner.
27	Irena R. Thompson.	John and Julia.	Richard.
Oct. 1	Bernard C. Byrant.	Horace L. and Ida F.	Lee.
2	Ralph G. Conant.	John M. and Delia C.	Keyes.
7	Sadie McDermid.	Malcolm and Elsie.	McDonald.
11	Lewis S. Eaton.	Seth A. and Cassie E.	Welt.
12	Allan Deane.	Herman and Etta M.	Downing.
12	Lora M. Thomas.	Elijah H. and Harriet F.	Murdock.
13	Erna I. Hazletine.	George H. and Mary E.	Rose.
14	Mildred L. Pratt.	Elton L. and Cynthia W.	Porter.
17	Louisa A. Boucher.	William and Anna.	Higgins.
24	Harry E. Bray.	Thomas and Amelia R.	Boehme.
29	Actine L. Goldsboro.	John F. and Rozenna S.	Frank.
Nov. 13	— Pinkham.	George F. and Lurana W.	Thomas.
16	— Dempsey.	William H. and Alice M.	Finney.
18	Ethel Macomber.	Horace L. and Helen M.	Sherman.
21	Delia Marquis.	Leon and Mernona.	Pelan.
25	Harrold W. Smith.	Albert W. and Mary F.	Hagan.
28	Elena C. Brown.	Harry D. and Sadie L.	Bonney.
Dec. 2	— McKeown.	George and Emma L.	Woodward.
7	Byron H. Whittemore.	Hiram and Nellie F.	Huckins.
13	Pansy A. Ellis.	Stephen and Lorena M.	Harris.
15	— Kelley.	Ezra J. and Clara S.	Doty.
15	Henry W. Maxim.	Winslow T. and Clara J.	Peckham.
16	Eleanor W. Caswell.	George W. and Mary E.	Roscoe.
28	Anna G. Belcher.	Almon A. and Mary T.	Kane.



## Deaths Registered in Middleboro' in 1889.

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	2 Julia H. H. Hooper,	66	5	25	Paralysis.
	10 Adeline Shaw,	79		14	Consumption.
	10 Mrs. Sarah B. Maxim,	67	10	15	Tumor.
	17 Mrs. Julia A. R. Pratt,	70	9	22	Paralysis.
	18 Martin Wild,	50	11	15	Heart disease.
	19 William E. Kelley,		4		Marasmus.
	22 Mrs. Drusilla Fuller,	86	1	22	Heart failure.
	23 Hulda E. Anderson,	3	8		Scarlatina.
	24 Mrs. Julia Cole,	44	3	14	Tumor.
	25 Mrs. Hannah C. Carver,	70	9	28	Purpura.
	26 Ebenezer Pratt,	91			Old age—heart failure.
Feb.	5 Mary E. Maquis,	2	2	3	Croup.
	12 Mrs. Mary B. Redding,	76	5	20	Cancer.
	17 Hattie N. Southworth,	23	6	9	Spinal meningitis.
	19 Isaac S. Shurtleff,	73	7	19	Drowned.
	18 Lafayette M. Batchelder,	64	5	18	Heart disease.
	20 Mrs. Angelina Backus,	84	3	17	Old age.
	27 Hopestill Bisbee,	88	6	4	Spinal disease.
	27 Samuel M. Gammons,	74	1	6	Cancer of stomach.
Mar.	15 Mary I. Wilber,	16	6	7	Inflammation of bowels
	23 William R. Caswell,	76			Dropsy.
Apr.	2 Mrs. Deborah A. Alden,	77		28	Heart failure.
	4 Clark Shurtleff,	87	6		Old age.
	5 James Savery,	81	8	5	Hrasmusia.
	6 Mrs. Susie White,	24		7	Consumption of bowels
	14 Andrew J. Ramsdell,	36	11	30	Consumption.
	18 Nahum Keith,	81	11	24	Old age.
	21 George T. Ryder,	62	2	25	Suicide.
	24 Alexander Harvey,	80		27	Shock.
May	6 Alfred T. Glaze,			9	Inflammation of bowels
	7 Henry A. Sears,	55	9		Consumption.
	8 Hartley Wood,	78	11	10	Suicide.
	10 Mrs. Mary A. F. Lucas,	72	3	23	Heart disease.
	12 Mrs. Elizabeth J. Witham,	60	1	5	Heart disease.
	18 — Lougee,			7	Heart trouble.
	19 Theodore T. Sherman,	52	5	23	Interstitial pneumonia.
	27 Mrs. Sophia W. Wentworth	68			Brain disease. [disease.
June	2 Orwin L. Farnsworth,	73	11	17	Typhoid fever and heart
	10 George W. Dempsey,	20	6	2	Pulmonary consump'n.
	12 Ivory H. Harlow,	64	10	15	Cancer of pelvic organs
	20 Mrs. Nancy L. Haskins,	42	8	12	Cancer of uterus.
July	6 Patrick Carrigan,	89	3	20	Old age.
	10 Mrs. Polly Thomas,	97	7	10	By a fall.
	12 — Howes,			3	Spasms.
	13 Edward S. Lovell,	58	9		Chronic hepatic disease
	20 Herbert L. Caswell,	5	3		Spinal meningitis.
	23 Joseph L. Burroughs,	71	5	11	Consumption.
	24 Hattie C. Carver,		10	27	Cholera infantum.
	24 Mrs. Olive C. Caswell,	45	4	9	Dropsy.

Deaths—*Concluded.*

Date.	Name.	Age.			Disease.
		Y.	M.	D.	
July 24	Elijah Hackett,	85	8	3	Heart disease.
Aug. 1	Abner L. Westgate,	78	10	3	Heart failure.
	1 Simeon Hathaway,	71	10		Bright's disease.
	2 Mrs. Sarah A. Tucker,	76	7	4	Malarial fever.
	10 Mrs. Eunice T. Cole,	65	2	10	Heart failure.
	13 John P. West,	76	3		Accident—fracture and internal injuries.
	26 Mrs. Maria L. Hannum,	53	5	28	Brain disease.
Sept. 1	Edwin J. Leach,	81	3	20	Heart disease.
	2 Olene Alueson,	32			Typhoid pneumonia.
	4 Mrs. Susan M. Thomas,	59	7	4	Brain disease.
	6 Isaac Soule,	73	7	10	Slow fever.
	17 Blanche L. Penniman,		1	1	Brain disease.
	19 Stephen T. Atwood,	45	2	25	Consumption.
	25 Ada Boutin,		5		Infantile.
Oct. 5	Huldah E. Shurtleff,	32	11	19	Acute phthisis pulmo-
	6 Mrs. Fanny W. Miller,	74		26	Brain disease. [nalis.
	9 Mrs. Jerusha K. Leach,	67		13	Heart disease.
	13 Adoniram J. Cushman,	81		14	Cystitis.
	15 Henry M. Harlow,	1	5		Hydrocephalus.
	16 Albert Nelson,	21	1		Pneumonia.
	20 Winfield S. Wright,	48	9	29	Brain disease.
	22 Mrs. Mary Smith,	47			Tumor.
	28 Carrie A. Bryant,	19	11	13	Hemorrhage.
Nov. 1	Mrs. Boadicea T. Clark,	77	7	7	Pneumonia—paralysis.
	2 Mrs. Roxana Jose,	74	11		Accident and old age.
	4 Serena F. Lovell,	17	5	3	Consumption.
	13 Paul A. Wolskey,	34			Heart disease.
	23 James A. Payne,	53	9	23	Cerebral apoplexy.
	27 Samuel S. Keyes,	59	8	3	Cancer on liver.
Dec. 7	Mrs. Thalia E. Weston.	84	3	12	Heart failure.
	13 Emma P. Eaton,	39			Heart disease.
	19 Mrs. Mary F. Cushman,	73	5	1	Heart failure.
	26 Timothy E. Harrington,	41	7	1	Pneumonia.
	27 Mrs. Ann P. Messer,	84			Old age.

## SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of Marriages, Births, and Deaths registered in Middleborough for the year 1889 :

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages registered in 1889,	67
Oldest groom, 64.	Oldest bride, 63.
Youngest groom, 18.	Youngest bride, 16.
First marriage of 121 persons.	59 males, 62 females.
Second " " 12 "	8 " 4 "
Third " " 1 "	" 1 "
<hr/> 134	67 couples.

## BIRTHS.

Number of births registered in 1889,	103
Males, 38.	Females, 65.

## DEATHS.

Number of Deaths registered in 1889,	87
Males, 44.	Females, 43.

## AGES.

Stillborn,	4	Under one year,	8
Between 1 and 5 years,	2	Between 5 and 10 years,	1
" 10 " 20 "	3	" 20 " 30 "	4
" 30 " 40 "	5	" 40 " 50 "	7
" 50 " 60 "	8	" 60 " 70 "	9
" 70 " 80 "	21	" 80 " 90 "	13
" 90 " 100 "	2		

## DOGS.

Whole number of dogs licensed in 1889,	446
Males, 415.	Females, 31.

C. T. THATCHER,

Town Clerk.

# Vote of Middleborough, Nov. 5, 1889.

## FOR GOVERNOR.

John Q. A. Brackett, of Arlington.....	326
William E. Russell, of Cambridge.....	174
John Blackmer, of Springfield.....	59

## FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

William H. Haile, of Springfield.....	335
John W. Corcoran, of Clinton.....	151
Benjamin F. Sturtevant, of Boston.....	57

## FOR SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Henry B. Peirce, of Abington.....	336
William N. Osgood, of Boston.....	141
George D. Crittenden, of Buckland.....	49

## FOR TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL.

George A. Marden, of Lowell.....	323
Edwin L. Munn, of Holyoke.....	144
Frederick L. Wing, of Ashburnham.....	54

## FOR AUDITOR.

Charles R. Ladd, of Springfield.....	332
William D. T. Trefry, of Marblehead.....	131
William H. Gleason, of Boston.....	56

## FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Andrew J. Waterman, of Pittsfield.....	317
Elisha B. Maynard, of Springfield.....	134
Allen Coffin, of Nantucket.....	64

## FOR COUNCILLOR FOR FIRST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT.

Isaac N. Keith, of Bourne.....	326
John M. Hathaway, of Fairhaven.....	136
Nehemiah P. Parker, of Falmouth.....	52

## FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT.

Charles W. Sumner, of Brockton.....	306
Harvey H. Pratt, of Abington.....	170

## FOR SHERIFF.

Alpheus K. Harmon, of Plymouth .....	335
William S. McFarlin, of Carver .....	91

## FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Walter H. Faunce, of Kingston .....	198
Charles H. Paine, of Halifax.....	149
Ellridge Cushman, of Lakeville.....	146
Nathan Beal, of Rockland.....	39

## FOR SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS.

Charles W. S. Seymour, of Hingham.....	283
Albert T. Sprague, of Marshfield .....	276
Charles S. Davis, of Plymouth.....	119
John M. Hayes, of Abington.....	112
William Torrey, of Rockland.....	51
Israel Trasher, of Pembroke.....	49

## FOR COMMISSIONERS OF INSOLVENCY.

William L. Chipman, of Wareham .....	276
Frederick M. Bixby, of Brockton .....	273
Robert O. Harris, of E. Bridgewater.....	265
James J. Dowd, of Brockton .....	115
Joseph Tooker, of Bridgewater .....	112
Lawrence J. Donovan, of Rockland .....	111
Albert Bates, of Marshfield .....	56
Walter D. Packard, of Brockton.....	49
Elbridge E. Miller, of W. Bridgewater .....	47

## FOR CLERK OF COURTS.

Edward E. Hobart, of Bridgewater.....	301
Benjamin A. Hathaway, of Plymouth.....	190
George W. Severance, of E. Bridgewater.....	42

FOR SENATOR FOR SECOND PLYMOUTH SENATORIAL  
DISTRICT.

James H. Harlow, of Middleborough.....	308
Caleb Copeland, of W. Bridgewater.....	145
Alvin C. Howes, of Middleborough.....	64

FOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR EIGHTH PLYMOUTH DIS-  
TRICT.

Jared F. Alden, of Middleborough.....	333
Benjamin F. Tripp, of Middleborough.....	156
David S. Surrey, of Middleborough.....	57
Joseph Jenks. ——— .....	1



# TOWN WARRANT.

## ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 17, 1890.

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2d. To choose all necessary town officers. The following officers to be voted for all on one ballot, viz. : For one year — Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector, Overseers of the Poor, Constables, Fish Wardens : for two years — one Selectman, one Assessor ; for three years — one Selectman, one Assessor, one Road Commissioner, two School Committee.

3d. To vote upon the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. Ballots to be “ Yes,” or “ No,” in answer to the question, “ Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of intoxicating liquors?”

4th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town the present year, and determine when the same shall be assessed, and how appropriated.

5th. To choose an Auditor or Board of Auditors.

6th. To vote the pay of the Treasurer and Collector for his services the ensuing year.

7th. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds so long as they remain in office provided they shall be chosen Pound Keepers.

8th. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some person to take charge of their Alms house, and act anything thereon.

9th. To allow accounts against the town and act anything thereon.

10th. To hear and act on the reports of any officers or committees of the town.

11th. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes the present year, and act anything thereon.

12th. To see if the town will vote to pay the expense of a night watch in the Four Corner Village, and act anything thereon.

13th. To dispose of the money received for dog, and all other licenses the present year, and act anything thereon.

14th. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8 G. A. R. on Memorial day, and act anything thereon.

15th. To see if the town will appropriate any money for sprinkling streets, and act anything thereon.

16th. To take action on the list of jurors, reported by the Selectmen.

17th. To take action in relation to the taking of fish in the ponds leased by the Fish Commissioners to the towns of Middleborough, Lakeville, Freetown and Rochester.

18th. To see if the town will vote to purchase a road machine and act anything thereon.

19th. To see if the town will vote to pay their School Committee for their services the ensuing year, and act anything thereon.

20th. To see what action the town will take, if any, in regard to accepting and building Arch Street as laid out by Civil Engineer Luther Dean.

21st. To see what action the town will take in regard to revoking the acceptance of sections 74, 75, 76, and 77 of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes, as voted by the town March 18, 1889.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

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It is fitting that the services of a man who has so long and so faithfully served his fellow-citizens should be recognized, and his colleagues, being impressed with their sense of obligation to him for his intelligence, uniform courtesy, and assiduity, feel that it is a duty they owe to the memory of Joseph T. Wood, to the respectful consideration of his fellow townsmen, and themselves, to record here that recognition.

Joseph T. Wood was active in public affairs for a very long term of years. In 1854 he was chosen by his fellow-citizens to represent them at the General Court, and the same year was chosen a member of the board of selectmen; also in 1855, and in 1863 was again elected, and continued to be chosen to that office each successive year since, up to this date, 1890. He has been chairman of the board of selectmen for over a quarter of a century, and probably served the town with less separate, personal interest, or private advantage than any succeeding member of that board will feel able to do in view of the large amount of detail work necessary in the position he occupied. From his long service in his official capacity there arose a pleasant and profitable acquaintance between himself and the people of the town, and every one was free to consult with him upon the many issues that are constantly arising in the administration of town affairs, and, with one accord, these people testify, very gladly, their appreciation of his uniform courtesy and general intelligence, as well as to their complete confidence in his integrity. Few men will serve a constituency of so dissimilar opinions with greater satisfaction to its individual members, or with less prejudice to their own interests.

He has held a commission as justice of the peace since 1858, and served as county commissioner in 1872-81. He was also chosen water commissioner on the first board, and served one year.

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